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Letters Sent to

Miscellaneous Recipients

Presscopies of letters and telegrams sent from U.S. Mint headquarters to various official and individual recipients.

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RG 104 RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF THE MINT

Records of the Bureau of the Mint
Correspondence

LETTERS SENT, 1873-1917

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January 2, 1920.

E. Kirstein Sons Company,
Rochester, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Package forwarded by you to the "United States Mint, Washington, D. C." has been delivered to this Bureau and forwarded to the United States Assay Office, New York, as there is no Mint in Washington.

The Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York will be requested to remit to you the value of the gold and silver content of your deposit, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1920.

Major S. M. Gaines,
Superintendent of Mails,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 30, 1919, relative to the number of documents received and distributed during the calendar year 1919, the following is submitted:-

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
FISCAL YEAR 1918. Document No. 2849.

Total Copies ----------		1,200
December 1919 Number of Franks sent to Supt. of Documents -------		775
Sent out by Bureau of the Mint ---		50
		825

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSAY COMMISSION
1919. Document No. 2836.

Total printed Apr. 22, 1919 -----		200
Apr. 22, 1919, sent by Bureau ---	140	
" " " " "	10	150
Balance ----------		50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

January 6, 1920.

1530a	Paper (8 x 10½) thin linen, plain	5	Reams

R. J. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 6, 1920.

Surgeon General,

Public Health Service.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning, duly certified, the bill forwarded with your letter of the 31st ultimo covering gauze needed for making masks for protection of employees of the San Francisco Mint against influenza; amount of bill $8.10.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 6, 1920.

Director, Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce, Washington.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning pages from the Statistical Abstract of the United States, forwarded with your letter "15" of December 30th last. The pages have been amended, bringing the data down to the latest available date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 6, 1920.

Claim Agent, American Ry. Express Co.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Dec. 31, 1919, enclosing refund money order No. 899915 in the sum of 10¢, dated Dec. 19, 1919, issued to cover refund of overcharges on a shipment received from Philadelphia Nov. 19, 1919; amount collected $34.34, correct amount $34.24.

Further information is necessary for the location of the item and it is requested that you kindly advise me as to the material that was shipped, names of the consignor and consignee, and, if possible, your bill number on which the charges were collected.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 6, 1920.

Disbursing Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith find check No. 1504 dated Dec. 29, 1919, of the Western Union Telegraph Co., in the sum of 65¢, endorsed to your order, covering disallowances by the Auditor in settlement No.11013 dated Dec. 12, 1919, of your May disbursing account.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1920.

Sir:

You have been certified by the U. S. Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of Assistant in the laboratory of this Bureau.

The main work of the position is assaying gold bullion and silver coins, but there is some miscellaneous work and considerable research work. The regular salary is $1,200 per year, and there is a bonus of $20 monthly up to July 1st, 1920. What the bonus may be, if any, after that date is as yet unknown.

I would be pleased to have you call at this office in regard to the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Wm. N. Pendleton,
1204 34th St.,
Washington, D. C.

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January 6, 1920.

Mr. S. L. Pauly,
Cor. Trenton & Franklin Avenue,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo I beg to advise you that the silver in an uncirculated silver dollar, at to-day's market price of silver ($1.31) would be about $1.02. The loss in melting, together with the cost of melting would more than absorb this difference.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1920.

Fryberger, Fulton & Spear,
712 - 719 Lonsdale Building
Duluth, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the "U. S. Assay Office, St. Paul, Minn." has been delivered by the Post Office Department to this Bureau as the administrative office of the Assay Offices of the United States.

There is no United States Assay Office in St. Paul, and I am unable to advise you concerning the specimen of ore sent by Mr. Frank Johnson, to which your letter refers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1920.

Professor John Franklin Crowell,
Director The World Market Institute,
Room 513 E, 30 Church Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant the following is submitted:-

Value of fine ounce of silver in 1919, ---$1.12085

Value in U. S. Dollar (silver) ----"---- .86691

Ratio to Gold, ---------- 1919 ---- 18.44.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1920.

Hon. E. B. Howard,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 3rd instant I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919. This report covers the coinages of the principal countries of the world together with available data on the production of the precious metals in the United States and in the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1920.

Mr. Paul H. Wendel,
17 E. State Street,
Trenton, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 30th I beg to advise you that experimental pieces of the denomination of $4 were authorized to be made at the Mint, but the pieces were not adopted or placed in general circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1920.

The Director,
The Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith test weights to be examined in preparation for their use at the Annual Assay Commission meeting on the second Wednesday in February.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1920.

Mr. A. R. Morrison,
Attorney at Law,
Equitable Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo I beg to advise you that coins are made from dies, and are never moulded.

May I suggest that a call at the Mint in Denver would provide you with the opportunity to witness the process of coinage, and have explained to you the difference between the use of moulds and dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1920.

Joseph DeHafield Company,
120 South State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 31st instant I beg to say that the Government is not now in the market for platinum.

Gold and silver in quantities approximating $100 in value and over will be received at the United States Mints and Assay Offices, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less the charges for fitting material for coinage purposes.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67; silver at the current New York market price.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1920.

Mr. F. A. Laurence,
Colfax, Louisiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th ultimo you are advised that if you will forward the melted silver dollars you have to the Mint at Philadelphia the superintendent of that institution will remit to you a check for the value of the fine silver contained, at the market rate of silver, which changes daily. It is now about $1.31 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 7, 1920.

The Guernsey Earthenware Co.,
Cambridge, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter ALG of Dec. 29th concerning your bill of $37.56 for supplies furnished the New York Assay Office, beg to advise that the bill was allowed by the Auditor for the Treasury Department under date Dec. 27, 1919.

If Treasury Warrant in your favor does not reach you by the middle of this month inquiry should be made of the Treasurer of the U. S., Washington, making reference to Auditor's settlement No. 78609 dated Dec. 27, 1919, for $37.56, on account of supplies furnished the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 7, 1920.

Mr. E. I. Bell,
618 W 136th Street, New York.

My dear Mr. Bell:

Replying to your recent undated inquiry will state that the Mexican production of silver in the year 1918, as carried in my annual report - some 62½ million ounces - represents the figures reported by the Mexican Government to the United States representative in Mexico City in reply to our regular interrogatories. I have no details as to the production of the different mines so am unable to assist you along that line.

As regards the 1919 Mexican silver production, my guess is that it will not differ greatly from that for 1918, but I do not care to be quoted on the subject.

My regular estimate, given to the Press Jan. 3d last, as to the United States production in 1919, gives - silver 55,285,196 fine ounces; gold $58,488,800.

Am sorry that I am not in position to be of more service to you.

Sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 7, 1920.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th St., New York

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning B/L T 231204 covering transportation of coin bags from the Philadelphia Mint to the New York SubTreasury April 4, 1919, with the information that the charges on same should be billed against the Secretary of the Treasury (Division of Public Moneys).

This B/L was attached to your bill No. B/12/41 in the sum of $23.08, which bill has been approved for payment in the sum of $8.70, the difference representing the charges incident to the enclosure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Mr. John F. McKenna,
2 Park Square,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 7th, and package said to contain dental scrap.

The package has been sent to the United States Assay Office, New York, and the Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the gold and silver contained in your deposit, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 8, 1920.

Bureau of Supplies & Accounts,
Navy Department, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bills of the Philadelphia Mint for manufacture of medals, with copies of authority therefor. Please cause transfer settlements to be made, crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint	at Philadelphia,		1920	-$ 27.99
Contingent Expenses,	do	do	1920	- 234.53
				$262.52

Wages of Workmen, Mint	at Philadelphia,		1920	$615.61
Contingent Expenses,	do	do	1920	66.89
				$682.50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 8, 1920.

Quartermaster, U. S. Marine Corps,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for manufacture of 30 gold medals - Expert Team Riflemen - also receipt for the medals and copy of authority.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following named appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Wages of Workmen,	Mint at	Philadelphia,	1920	$ 62.46
Contingent Expenses,	do	do	1920	580.91
				$643.37

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1920.

Mr. A. J. Jean,
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 6th, I beg to advise you that the silver you described will be received at the United States Assay Office, New York City and paid for at the market price of silver on the day deposit is made.

There is no place in Washington where the Government receives such material.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1920.

Hon. Frank B. Kellogg,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Kellogg:

Replying to your letter of January 6th, I take pleasure in advising you that the Presidential Medals may be obtained from the Mint at Philadelphia.

I am enclosing herewith a list of the medals issued with prices attached.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1920.

Hon. E. E. Denison,
House Of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Denison:

Replying to your letter of January 6th relative to a communication from a constituent, I beg to state that the Government does not issue a list of values of coins and has no list of coin dealers.

Regretting that we cannot be of assistance to you in this matter, I am with personal regards

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1920.

The International Nickel Co.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith statement forwarded by you and beg to advise you that the metal purchased for the Mints is paid for at the individual institutions. I would therefore suggest that your accounts be rendered on the inclosed form of vouchers to Denver and San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Incls.

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January 9, 1920.

J. H. Gautier & Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in advising you that your offer of graphite goods for delivery of the United States Mint at San Francisco is hereby accepted. I am inclosing formal order and voucher for rendering your account.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Incls.

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January 9, 1920.

Mr. J. M. Henderson,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 3rd relative to your appointment as a member of the Assay Commission. Your application has been placed on file to be taken into consideration when the Secretary reaches the time to submit a list.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1920.

Hon. Boies Penrose,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Penrose:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant giving an excerpt from a letter received from Mr. S. A. Jones regarding a gold coin.

In 1800 the Mint issued $58,110 in half eagles of the type described by your constituent. I am, however, unable to advise you what value is placed upon such coins by collectors. The Government, as you know, pays no premium for any issue of coins.

Very truly yours,

R. Baty

Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1920.

Chief Clerk, Post Office Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The United States Mint at New Orleans uses T.Locks in transferring pouches of bullion to the United States Assay Office at New York. The Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans reports that he has not sufficient locks to keep the bullion moving. I am writing to request that you will cause to be supplied to the Mint at New Orleans about ten (10) additional T.Locks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1920.

Mr. S. M. Gaines,
Superintendent of Mail,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of January 9th I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written by the Secretary of Congressman Vestal relative to H. R. 10969.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Incls.

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January 10, 1920.

Mr. William W. Masterton,
782 Madison Ave.,
Paterson, N. J.

Sir:

You have been certified by the U. S. Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of Assistant in the laboratory of this Bureau. The main work of the position is assaying gold bullion and silver coins, but there is some miscellaneous work and considerable research work. The regular salary is $1,200 per year and there is now a bonus of $20 monthly up to July 1st, 1920. What the bonus may be, if any, after that date is as yet unknown.

I would thank you to inform me at your earliest convenience if you are prepared to accept this position.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker
Director of the Mint.
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January 10, 1920.

The Chief
of the Division of Printing
and Stationery.

Sir:

Referring to requisition No. 2532, requesting for the Philadelphia Mint two books of Form 277 B, I beg now to advise you that one book of the form indicated will be sufficient for the immediate present. This Bureau will, within a reasonable time make request for another book of this number.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH.

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Jan. 10, 1920.

McGraw-Hill Book Co.,
239 West 39th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 8th inst. will state that check in payment of your bill for volume 26 of MINERAL INDUSTRY furnished this office in November, 1918, was forwarded you Dec. 20, 1918, check No. 189750 of J. L. Summers, Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, in amount $10.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 10, 1920.

Chief, Weather Bureau,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for manufacture of 10 silver discs, together with copy of authority and receipt for the delivered articles. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1920" in the sum of $21.08, the amount of the bill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1920.

Mr. F. A. Leach, Jr.,
District Manager,
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.,
Oakland, Calif.

My dear ~~Mr. Leach~~ Frank:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 2nd relative to a two cent piece bearing Ex-President Roosevelt's portrait.

Congress has not authorized a coin bearing a profile of Ex-President Roosevelt. The Mint has now before it an inquiry as to the cost of making a Memorial medal but no order has been actually placed for the same. I would be glad to advise you if the medals are to be made by the Mint.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1920.

The Librarian
of Congress.

Sir:

Referring to the War Medals lent some months ago to the Library from the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to state that the return of the medals would now be very agreeable to the Mint. The Curator is at present engaged in re-arranging the part of the collection made up of recent issues of war medals, and cannot adjust the collection finally until he has the medals now in the Library under his review. Again, the Mint is now open to visitors and the display of war medals is incomplete without those now in your custody.

May I have an expression of your opinion in the matter as to when we may expect to restore the medals to the Mint Collection.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1920.

Caron Brothers,
235-239 Bleury Street,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant relative to the purchase of gold bars, I beg to say that the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York is authorized to sell such bars as you desire. If you will communicate directly with him he will advise you as to the mode of payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1920.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning to you bill No. B/12/10 in amount of $691.50. Attention is invited to B/L #316415 which lacks the signature of the consignee. Your attention is also invited to an error of the weight expressed in figures by the consignee, the figures stated being 3,460 pounds, while the correct amount is 3,426 pounds. The charges are figured at the incorrect weight, 3,460 pounds.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Incls.

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January 13, 1920.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your bill No. B/11/127 for the amount of $1,726.95, I beg to advise that the bill has been approved for the sum of $1,709.75. The difference of $17.20 represents charges on a shipment of nickels from the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia to the Assistant Treasurer at New York. This item is not payable by the Mint Service, but should be vouchered to the Secretary of the Treasury, (Division of Public Moneys).

B/L #164984 dated November 21,1919 covering the shipment in question, is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Incl.

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January 13, 1920.

Mr. R. H. Hallett,
Bureau of War Risk Insurance,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 9th, I beg to advise you that this Bureau does not issue a statement covering Danish exchange values.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1920.

Mr. J. G. Ventnella,
Springfield, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 12th, I beg to advise you that application for gold coins should be made to the Treasurer of the United States. No proof coins are now being made. A list of medals for sale by the Mint of Philadelphia is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Incl.

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January 14,1920.

The American Metal Co.,
62 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your telegram of January 14th offering copper for Denver, I beg to advise you that a lower offer having been received, your offer has been declined.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1920.

United Metals Selling Co.,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your telegram of January 14th offering copper for Denver, I beg to advise you that a lower offer having been received, your offer has been declined.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1920.

Clendenin Brothers,
Clendenin Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date accepting your offer to supply the United States Mint at Denver with forty (40) tons of electrolytic copper at the rate of $0.1920 per pound, delivered to the Mint building. It is understood that this copper is to be made up in small ingots in accordance with the drawing submitted. I am enclosing blank form of voucher together with formal order.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint at Denver.

Clendenin Brothers, Baltimore, Md. January 14, 1920.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

		Per lb.
Ingot Copper (low bridge)	40 tons	$0.1920

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14,1920.

International Nickel Co.,
43 Exchange Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of December 24,1919 to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, requesting Treasury Department exemption certificate(Form 750) to support your claim for refund of war tax paid on twenty barrels of nickel furnished the mimt, was referred to this office.

In reply you are advised that the shipment is not entitled to exemption of the war tax since purchase was made at a price which required delivery to the San Francisco Mint.

This is in accordance with the ruling of the Commisioner of Internal Revenue and Decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury in a similar case.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14,1920.

Mr. J. Pease Norton,
460 Ocean Ave.,
West Haven, Conn.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 6th instant concerning gold stocks of the United States I enclose herewith copy of the circulation statement for June 1,1919 and for January 1,1920. These statements carry indications of the stocks of different classes of money in the United States on those dates. These figures, however, are tentative, that is, the totals are compiled from the information available on the dates in question and do not represent absolute figures for these dates; for example, the figures for the San Francisco Mint and Sub Treasury as of one week earlier may have been used in preparing each statement. Absolute date figures are prepared only for July 1st and January 1st, and not for each month of the year. The absolute figures for January 1,1920, will not be available for some time.

The net exports of gold from June 10th to December 31,1919 were $321,223,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1920.

The Insular Bureau,
War Department,

Gentlemen:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a series of Interrogatories which are sent each year to the principal countries of the world for the purpose of obtaining information concerning monetary matters, including production of gold and silver, coinage, etc.

It is desired to obtain the same information concerning the Philippine Islands, and your co-operation to that end is requested. Copies of comparative tables compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years are also inclosed as being of possible interest to those who prepare the answers. It is requested that one copy of the Interrogatory with answers be returned to this office, the other to be retained by you for reference if desired.

I trust that it will be possible for the information to reach this office before October 1st of the current year in order that it may be published in my annual report for the fiscal year 1919-1920.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1920.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of January 13th, you are advised that the following are the amounts bid for supplying the mint at San Francisco with the graphite goods:

Joseph Dixon Crucible Co	$12,392.80
J. H. Gautier & Co.	12,392.50
Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co.	12,900.50

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1920.

Mr. H. B. Hummel,
Webster City, Iowa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of January 12th, you are advised that there is no law which prohibits the melting of silver coins.

There is exactly $20 worth of gold in a $20 gold piece when it leaves the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15th, 1920.

Hon. George E. Roberts,
Vice President,
National Bank, New York.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Your letter of January 14th addressed to Mr. Baker, reached the Bureau this morning. Mr. Baker left the city on the 13th for California and will not return to his desk until the middle of February.

I am sending your letter to him, also a copy of this letter. I know he will regret his inability to correspond with your wishes.

Very sincerely,

Mary McReilly

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January 16,1920.

Mr. A. R. Morrison,
Equitable Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 13th. Replying, you are advised that molds were never used in the coinage of any of the United States coins. I am forwarding herewith a copy of the coinage laws in which you will find on page 110 the provisions covering designs and devices to be placed upon the dollar.

I am also forwarding a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint on page 128 of which you will find a table of the coinage since the United States Mint was organized.

There is no publication issued by the Government showing the method of manufacturing the dies used in coinage.

Trusting this information covers your inquiries and that you will call on us again if we can be of assistance to you, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1920.

Mr. W. S. Mac Farlane,
Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.,
Toronto, Canada.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 9th instant concerning the monetary system of Salvador, I beg to forward herewith a copy of the Salvador decree, dated September 12, 1919, which is self explanatory.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1920.

Mr. E. T. Miller,
University of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of the 7th instant, you are advised that statements of the monetary stock of the United States omit the minor coins because such coins have so little intrinsic value, their metal content only being worth 5% to 15% of their face value, that in themselves they are practically worthless. Abroad they are nothing more than metal, and at home they are merely a convenience. They are generally disregarded when comparing the monetary stocks of different countries.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1920.

Auditor of Receipts,
Pullman Car Lines,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter J-JB dated January 12th, 1920, you are advised that your claim for accomodations furnished on transportation requests T-16402 and others, appears to be numbered E.D. 70434 instead of E.D. 60573 as stated in your letter. The above mentioned claim has been settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department, under date of April 12, 1919, settlement No. 73,612.

Your claim E.D. 60573 for $29.50 was settled with other claims on October 13,1919, settlement number being 1916.

If you are unable to locate the items in question from the information given, we will be glad to give such other information as is desired.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1920.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith account for graphite goods. Will you please cause this bill to be sent to the institution which made the purchases. We are not allowed to make payment for purchases made by the field service during a current fiscal year. The account would be forwarded by this Bureau to the proper institution if we were aware of the identity of the purchaser.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 16, 1920.

Mr. Charles J. Bullock,
Wadsworth House,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 10th instant, I beg to advise that the production of gold in the United States in the calendar year 1919 is estimated to have been of the value of $58,488,800. This is a preliminary estimate.

As to the world production of the calendar year 1919, will state that there is not sufficient information available at this time to hazard a close estimate; however, such data as are available indicate a reduction from the output of 1918, but not so large a reduction as the year 1918 indicated over the year 1917.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reel

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1920.

The Auditor for the
Treasury Department,
Graham Building.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding claim of Thomas Annear, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Denver, approved for payment of $11.30, this being the difference between amount allowed by the Auditor in settlement No. 61911, dated January 16, 1918 on claim of the Union Pacific Railroad for accommodations furnished on transportation request, and the correct charge for a round trip ticket.

The transportation request was made out so as to call for transportation one way from Denver to San Francisco but Mr. Annear was entitled to transportation from Denver to San Francisco and return, and did procure and use a round trip ticket at a saving to the Government. As the result of the Auditors' disallowance he has paid $11.30 to the Railroad Company, receipt herewith, and now claims re-eimbursement from the Government.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reid

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1920.

Mr. J. L. Erard,
407 Ashmun St.,
Sault St. Marie, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 13th, you are advised that the mint at Denver is authorized to sell gold bars in quantities valued at $5,000 and over. The mints are not allowed to sell bars of lesser value. Gold is sold at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1920.

Ryan & Hartman,
Lassen Co.,
Amedee, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I am returning ~~you~~ herewith your letter of the 10th, together with the envelope in which same was received, to show that the sample of ore to which you referred was lost from the letter before it reached this office.

For your information I beg to suggest that at least five pounds of ore are necessary for a satisfactory assay. The assaying of ores for the public is done at the U.S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington; U.S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana and the U.S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1920.

Mr. E. Hudson,
Hanging Rock, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of January 15th, you are advised that if you will forward the spoons you have to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, payment will be made for the value of fine silver contained at the market price of silver on the day they are received. Payment will be made on check by the Treasury of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1920.

Mr. H. D. Nagel,
Assistant Manager,
Equitable Trust Company of New York,
New York City.

Sir:

The Department has to-day received from the State Department a request from the French Ambassador for the manufacture of coinage to be executed at the San Francisco Mint for the Colony of Indo-China, and naming you as agent to act for the Governor of the Colony. An affirmative reply has already been sent to the State Department.

The Ambassador states that the dies to be used have been delivered to you. Will you please advise this office if the dies are now in your custody. It will probably be necessary to have working dies made from the dies you have which are probably the Master Dies. The dies, and collars or other attachments to be used in connection with them, would have to be prepared at the Philadelphia Mint and forwarded to San Francisco.

I have also to inquire if you wish an estimate made upon the amount of silver required for the Piastre coinage, and also the cost of their manufacture.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Mr. E. Clarke Fowler,
Philadelphia News Bureau,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 17th. I take pleasure in forwarding you under separate cover a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919. I am also enclosing a table of the estimate of the production of gold and silver of the United States for the calendar year 1919. These are the only figures yet published. We do not expect to have an estimate on the world's production until late in the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

The Monetary Times,
82 Church St.,
Toronto, Canada.

Sir:

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "The Monetary Times" for the period January 1, 1920, to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

El Comerciante Mexicano,
Mexico City, Mexico.

Gentlemen:

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "El Comerciante Mexicano" for the period January 1,1920 to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Publisher,
The Review of the River Plate,
Buenos Aires, Argentine.

Sir:-

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication " The Review of the River Plate" for the period January 1,1920 to June 30,1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 19, 1920.

Publisher,
"Industria e Commercio",
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Sir:-

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "Industria e Commercio" for the period January 1, 1920 to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Publishar,
"The Capital",
Calcutts, India.

Sir:

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "The Capital" for the period January 1, 1920 to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Publisher,
"Revista Commercial",
Quito, Ecuador.

Sir:-

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "Revista Commercial" for the period January 1,1920 to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Publisher,
"El Economista Peruano",
Lima, Peru.

Sir:-

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "El Economista Peruano" for the period January 1,1920 to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meet our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Publisher,
"La Finanza Italiana",
Rome, Italy.

Sir:-

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "La Finanza Italian" for the period January 1, 1920 to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Publisher,
"El Economista,
Madrid, Spain.

Sir:-

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "El Economista", for the period January 1,1920 to June 30,1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address--Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Publisher,
"Commercial Holland",
Rotterdam, Holland.

Sir:-

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "Commercial Holland" for the period January 1,1920 to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Publisher,
"The Far Eastern Review",
Shanghai, China.

Sir:-

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "The Far Eastern Review" for the period January 1,1920 to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Publisher,
"South African Mining Journal and
Financial News,
Johannesburg, South Africa.

Sir:--

May I request that you kindly forward to the address given below the publication "South African Mining Journal and Financial News" for the period January 1,1920 to June 30, 1920. At the time of forwarding the initial issue also please forward account for same, covering the six months period, and I will be pleased to have remittance made. This is in the nature of a trial subscription which may be continued, by definite direction, if the publication meets our needs.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

The Davis & Hawley Co.,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 17th referring to gold scrap forwarded by you.

Your letter was addressed to United States Mint, Washington, but there is no mint in Washington, therefore, your letter is respectfully returned with the suggestion that it be forwarded to the institution to which the gold was sent, it being assumed that the letter was sent here inadvertently.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Hon. William E. Tuttle, Jr.,
Westfield, N. J.

My dear Mr. Tuttle:-

In the absence of the Director, I beg to refer to your letter of December 19th written in the interest of Mr. George E. Hicks, a clerk in the United States Assay Office at New York. The Director instructed me to advise you that he had taken up this matter with the Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, N.Y., who has made the following report:

"There was one position only to be filled in the office and a man other than Mr. Hicks was selected by me because of his longer service, and in my opinion, better qualifications for the particular position that was open. Since I have been Superintendent, Mr. Hicks has received two advances in salary and he can rest assured that as opportunity may arise in the future, he will have proper consideration."

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 19, 1920.

Mr. A. J. Jansen,
c/o Southern Moline Plow Co.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 16th, you are advised that the figures quoted by you, furnished previously by this office appear to be corrected. Coinage as of the respective mints for the calendar year 1919, were as follows:

	Dimes	Cents
Philadelphia	35,740,000	392,021,000
San Francisco	8,850,000	139,760,000
Denver	9,939,000	57,154,000
Total	54,529,000	588,935,000

Respectfully,

Th. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1920.

Mr. Albert Ruegger, Jr.,
60 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your request of January 15th, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". I regret that we have no publication covering Mint charges in all foreign countries.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 20, 1920.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date advising you that the Master dies for the proposed coinage for the French Government should be sent to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent of that institution will be instructed to prepare the working dies immediately and forward the same to the Mint at San Francisco.

The coinage could be undertaken at the Mint, San Francisco, as soon as the dies reach there and the necessary metals are delivered to that institution by you.

The estimate originally given you covered the rate at which coins could be manufactured by the Philadelphia Mint. This office is wiring to-day to ascertain the rate at which coinage could be executed at the San Francisco Mint, and will transmit the information to you. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed over the telephone that you are forwarding master dies to him and to proceed immediately with the preparation of the work ing dies to be sent to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1920.

Publisher,
Bulletin of the Chamber of Commerce,
Barranquilla, Colombia.

Sir:-

Will you kindly favor me by placing the Director of the United States Mint on your mailing list for the publication "Bulletin of the Chamber of Commerce"? It is understood that distribution is free; but if there is any expense connected with the matter I will be pleased to pay same upon receipt of a bill, which may be forwarded at the time the first issue is mailed.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1920.

Mr. L. Hundeshagen,
Loeboe Sikaping,
West Coast of Sumatra,
Dutch East Indies.

Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your communication of November 24th,1919, in which it was stated that the production of silver of the Dutch East Indies does not exceed 46000 Kilogrammes p.a., and that in 1918 it was rather less.

This is the first direct information we have had concerning the Dutch East Indies production for some time and I am much pleased to have it. Some months ago it was learned through the "Mining and Scientific Press", of San Francisco, that the production of silver in the past several years has been about 12,450 kilogrammes per annum. There is considerable difference between this figure and the quantity reported by you and I would be pleased to have further detailed information, particularly, as to whether the quantity reported by you represents fine ounces.

Under separate cover I am forwarding a copy of the annual report, Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1918-1919, which includes on the last few pages data as to gold and silver production of the world.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1920.

Publisher,
Centro-America,
Guatemala, Republic of Guatemala.

Sir:-

Will you kindly favor me by placing the Director of the United States Mint on your mailing list for the publication "Centro America"? It is understood that distribution is free; but if there is any expense connected with the matter I will be pleased to pay same upon receipt of a bill, which may be forwarded at the time the first issue is mailed.

Please address - Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, U.S.A.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 21, 1920.

Mrs. V. E. Chelgren,
238-2nd Ave., West,
Dickinson, N.D.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 19th, you are advised that if the coin you described could be readily identified as a genuine coin it would be redeemed by the Treasury at face value. The coin would have no value to a collector on account of the fact that it is so badly worn.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1920.

Mr. Frank F. Paskewit,
Clarissa, Minn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 16th, you are advised that there is no law prohibiting the melting of coins.

Standard silver dollars are legal tender in any amount. Subsidiary silver coins are legal tender in amounts not exceeding ten dollars in one payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1920.

Mr. N. J. Langer,
The American Metal Market Co.,
New York City.

Sir:-

In response to your inquiry of January 19th, I am forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which will give you the worlds production of precious metals for a series of years.

If we can be of further service, please advise.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 21, 1920.

E. R. Millis, M.D.,
604 Minnesota Ave.,
Kansas City, Kas.

Doctor Millis:

Replying to your letter of January 18th, beg to advise you that the denomination of coins authorized by Congress for the Panama Pacific Exposition, were the $50, 2.50 and the 1.00 gold pieces, and the $.50 silver piece .

These coins were not sold by the Government but were delivered to the Panama Pacific Exposition Co., and disposed of by them. I am unable to advise you of the premiums at which the coins were sold by the Exposition Company.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1920.

Mr. F. G. Wickware,
Editor, The American Year Book,
New York City.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 19th, enclosing a table of the production of the precious metals. I am forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which brings the table up to date, presuming you would prefer this report to the limited figures asked for.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1920.

Mr. Paul Bieler,
398 Virginia Ave.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of January 20th relative to use of nickel coins for insignia, I suggest that you confer with the local agent of secret service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 23, 1920.

Mr. James A. Little,
Public Service Division,
United States Railroad Administration.

Sir:

Hon. A. B. Rouse, House of Representatives, called at this office to-day in behalf of the Gilpin Eureka Mining Company, Central City, Colorado, the offices of which Company are located at 312 First National Bank Building, Covington, Ky. Congressman Rouse is anxious, in order to avoid loss to the Company, to obtain a more expeditious movement of ore over the Colorado Southern from the Mine in Central City to Pueblo, and applied to this office because of our special concern in regard to the gold mining industry.

The Congressman left this Bureau with the intention of calling on you personally, and this letter is being sent to you in accordance with his suggestion.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1920.

The Chief of the
Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau is enclosing herewith a letter received this date from the Superintendent of the Mint, of Philadelphia, responding to an inquiry of this office in regard to Philippine coinage dies.

This bureau is very much embarrassed by the inexcusable oversight on the part of the Philadelphia Mint in regard to the shipping of thes dies, and the matter is being followed up further for the purpose of determining the responsibility for so serious an error.

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1920.

Merchants State Bank,
Richardton, N. D.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the piece of metal enclosed in your letter of January 20th, and beg to advise you that same is copper.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 27, 1920.

Mr. William N. Butler, D.D.S.,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 26th, I beg to advise you that there is no office in Washington under the Government where gold and silver scrap are received.

Dental scrap is received at the U. S. Assay Office at New York or at the Mint in Philadelphia and the gold and silver contents paid for after deducting charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The Government does not receive or make payment for platinum, and is not in the market at this time for that metal.

Respectfully,

M. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 27, 1920.

The H. B. Davis Co.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of January 26th, I beg to advise you that the Mint at Philadelphia will receive gold and silver scrap in quantities approximating $100 in value and over and pay for same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after the material has been melted to determine its value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 27, 1920.

Mrs. George L. Buyers,
504 High St.,
Columbia, Tenn.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of January 22nd, I beg to advise you that the Mint at Denver will receive gold and silver in quantities approximating $100 in value and over. The mints do not receive small quantities of gold scrap.

The mints do not purchase platinum in any amount and no department of the Government is in the market for platinum at the present time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 29, 1920.

Hon. A. H. Vestal,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

In the temporary absence of the Director, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 27th enclosing a copy of your bill to authorize the coinage of a Roosevelt 2½-cent piece.

In reply to your inquiry I beg to submit herewith for your consideration a copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Hon. George P. McLean which will indicate the attitude of the department in regard to the manufacture of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1920.

Mr. Charles Sands,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of January 22nd addressed to the United States Mint, Washington, has been delivered by the Post Office Department to this office, but there is no mint in Washington. Package referred to in your letter has not been received and probably the letter was sent here in error.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1920.

Hon. C. B. Slemp,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Slemp:-

I am enclosing herewith letter addressed to you by Mrs. Susan Bledsol and in reply to the inquiry contained, I beg to state that the Government does not pay a premium on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1920.

Chief of Ordnance, U.S.A.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $327.32, for manufacturing pistol medals - 11 gold, 26 silver and 20 bronze. The bill is also supported by a copy of your order and receipt for delivery of the medals.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Philadelphia Mint-1920	$111.38
Contingent Expenses, " " "	215.94
Total -	327.32

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1920.

Nichols Copper Co.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Attention:- Mr. F. A. Hoebe.

Replying to your inquiry of the 26th concerning request of this office dated January 26th for data on gold and silver production of the year 1919, beg to state that the information submitted by you on December 31st consisted of actual figures for eleven months of the year with an estimate for the month of December. This data was used in making a preliminary estimate of production in the United States.

The data now desired are actual figures for the entire year, which I would like to receive when they become available.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 31, 1920.

Lt. J. L. Tunstall, Q.M.C.,
Office of the Director of Finance,
War Department.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of January 27th, you are advised that Mr. Robert F. Moll took the Oath of Office as Private Secretary of the Director of the Mint on January 8th.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 31, 1920.

William B. Dana Co.,
New York City.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 29th, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of Report of the Director of the Mint for the calendar year 1918; on page #286 of which you will find the table covering the production of gold in the year of 1918.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 31, 1920.

Mrs. M. L Vaughan,
332 - 8th Ave.,
New York City.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of January 30th, I beg to advise you that we have no one whose name corresponds with that contained in your letter.

Mr. Fraser, an artist of New York designed the nickel piece but is not an employee of the Mint service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 31, 1920.

Mr. John Schomaker,
428 Main Street,
Norfolk, Va.

Sir:-

Your letter of January 27th has been received and forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for attention to your inquiry regarding the package said, to be forwarded by you on December 27th to that office.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

January 31, 1920.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Commission to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several Mints of the United States during the calendar year 1919 will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on February eleventh at 10 o'clock A.M. As prescribed by Sec. 3547 of the Revised Statutes, you, as Comptroller of the Currency, are an ex-officio member of this Annual Assay Commission.

Will you kindly advise me at your earliest convenience as to your ability to attend the sessions of the Commission?

For your information, I enclose a pamphlet containing the laws relating to the Annual Assay, the Rules for Organization and the Proceedings of the last Commission.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Hon. John Skelton Williams,
Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D. C.

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February 2, 1920.

Mrs. Otto Hahn, Correspondence Secretary,
Rainy Day Club of America,
New York City.

Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 29th in which you state your club has endorsed the movement to produce a two-cent coin bearing the portrait of the late President Roosevelt. Your letter has been placed on file for reference in regard to the subject.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 2, 1920.

Mr. Geo. D. Eising,
Waukesha, Wis.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 30th, I beg to advise you that the Mint does not purchase copper in small quantities.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 2, 1920.

Mrs. Boyd Nevin,
246 Munty Street,
Hillsboro, Ohio.

Madam:-

I am returning herewith the dime enclosed in your letter of January 29, and beg to advise you that the dime was made at the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia. This is determined by the absence of any mark.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 2, 1920.

Mr. Thomas B. Fite,
Helelton, Ky.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of January 29th, I beg to advise you assay of ores are made at the United States Mint, New Orleans, at a charge of $1.00 for determineing gold and silver and $1.00 for determining, copper, lead, tin, zinc and antimony.

Approximately five pounds of ore are required for a satisfactory assay. The material should be sent prepaid to the institution named.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 2, 1920.

National Surety Company,
Chief,-Federal Official Div.,
115 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 30, 1920, I beg to advise you that Mr. Irving Weber resigned from the United States Assay Office, New York, January 24, 1920.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 2, 1920.

Mr. Sampson Sklaron,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 30th, you are advised there is no penalty attached to the total destruction of coins.

Respectfully,

M. McRoell,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint at Denver.

Clendenin Brothers

Baltimore, Md.

February 2, 1920.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

		Per lb.
Electrolytic copper,	40 tons	$0.19¼

In confirmation of telephone acceptance of this date.

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 3, 1920.

Dear Congressman Ashbrook:-

In response to the request contained in your letter of February 2nd, I am enclosing herewith Exemption Certificate covering war-tax on the transportation of persons.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. William A. Ashbrook,
House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 5, 1920.

Mr. G. M. Nichols,
International Gen. Electric Co.,
New York City.

Sir:-

Your letter of January 21st addressed to the Government Printing Office, has been referred to this Bureau. I regret that we are unable to advise you as to the rate of exchange for the period named. I am forwarding under separate cover copy of Annual Reports of the Director of the Mint, fiscal year 1919 which gives you all the data we have on the subject of imports and exports of gold.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 5, 1920.

Mr. Marion H. Fisher,
Wellman Building,
Jamestown, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, relative to the price of silver, I beg to say that on June 18, 1919, the official price of silver was $1.125 per fine ounce. If the institutions of the Mint service had occasion to pay for silver contained in gold deposits made on that day, the price paid would have been $1.12 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 5, 1920.

Mr. Wm. R. Reinick, Ass't. Secretary,
Penna. War History Commission,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of January 31st addressed to the Director, Bureau of Engraving & Printing, and by him forwarded to this Bureau, I beg to suggest that if you will call at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, the Superintendent of that institution will take pleasure in having you shown a collection of war medals acquired by the Government.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 5, 1920.

Dear Congressman Anthony:-

Replying to your letter of February 1st requesting that a list, giving prices of old coins and of firms who purchase same be sent to you, I beg to advise you that the Government does not issue a list of prices of old coins and has not a list of purchasers of same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel R. Anthony, Jr.,
House of Representatives.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 5, 1920.

Chief, Bureau of Ordnance,
War Department.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a Memorandum B/L covering a shipment of medals from the mint at Philadelphia, which has apparently been forwarded to this Bureau through a misunderstanding.

Respectfully,

M. McReill

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 6, 1920.

Cornucopia Mine Company,
Cornucopia, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

Your telegram of February 4th addressed to Hon. Carter Glass, former Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for attention. I am enclosing herewith a copy of report made by a committee appointed by Hon. William G. McAdoo, to look into the conditions concerning gold production.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 7, 1920.

Dr. Charles B. Lyman,
412 Dollar Bank Building,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to advise you that the Mint at Philadelphia, the New York Assay Office, and the Mint at Denver will receive dental scrap in quantities approximating $100 in value and over, and pay for gold and silver contents by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 7, 1920.

The Secretary
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a one cent piece of Canada forwarded to this Bureau by Honorable R. W. McLachlan, Deputy Prothonotory, Archives of the District of Montreal, Palais de Justice, Montreal, Canada, with the request that the coin be forwarded to you for the collection of the Institution. Mr. McLachlan has been advised of transmission of the piece to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1920.

Mr. C. B. Shulenberger,
P. O. Box 130,
Salem, Va.

Sir:

Your letter of January 22nd, addressed to "Bureau of Public Finance" has today been delivered to this Bureau. Replying I beg to advise you that this Department has issued no pamphlet or document covering Gold production or gold inflation, and their relation to high prices". I would suggest that if you have access to a public library you may find in the current financial magazines and papers some articles bearing upon the subject.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which will give you information in regard to the production of the precious metals.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1920.

Hon. R. W. McLachlan,
Deputy Prothonotory
Archives of the District of Montreal,
Palais de Justice,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Mr. McLachlan:

In the absence of the Director of the Mint I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th of February, enclosing two Canadian cents of 1920, one for the Mint Cabinet at Philadelphia and the other for the Smithsonian Institution, Washington. I have taken pleasure in forwarding to the Smithsonian Institution the piece enclosed for that institution.

Please accept from me, in the name of the Director, an expression of appreciation of your courtesy in sending the two coins to us. The one intended for the Mint will be given a conspicuous place in the numismatic collection of the Government at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1920.

Mr. A. R. Clark,
C/o Waynesboro Orchard Co.,
Waynesboro, Va.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant advising that you had forwarded from Kensington a package containing brass, copper, silver and gold recovered from a fire.

The package has been delivered by the Express Company to this Office, as there is no Assay Office under the control of the Government in Washington.

The material contained in the package does not represent value enough to make it an acceptable deposit at a Mint or a United States Assay Office. In any case we do not purchase brass or copper. Gold and silver in quantities approximating $100 in value and over would be received at the Mints and U. S. Assay Offices in various parts of the country, but the charges we would be required to impose for treating the material sent by you would absorb so much of the value that it would not pay you to have us handle it. Under the circumstances I am exceedingly sorry we cannot be of service to you. The package will be held in this office awaiting instructions from you.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1920.

The Acting Executive Officer,
Supervising Architect's Office,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 27th, enclosing a letter from Hon. James O'Connor, regarding the use of the New Orleans Mint as a community center and school, I beg to state that inquiry has been made by this office as to conditions in the Mint Building, and it is found that the entire building is now occupied. That part of the Mint building which is not used as the U. S. Assay Office is occupied by the American Red Cross for the storage of goods.

This Bureau regrets that under these conditions there is no way in which we can cooperate with the ladies interested in community service work by sharing the building with them.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 9, 1920.

Mr. H. D. Nagel,
Assistant Manager,
Equitable Trust Company of New York,
New York City.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of January 17th, regarding a letter received from the State Department relative to the coinage for Indo China, in which you were named as the agent to negotiate for the coinage, I beg to say that the Ambassador of France stated his Government desired the execution of "fractional currency and copper coins". A note written to the State Department on January 14th, supplementing that of January 5th, above referred to, states that the amounts of coinage desired were as follows:-

4 million	twenty cent pieces	(silver)
10 "	ten cent pieces	(silver)
15 "	one-cent bronze pieces.	

The manufacture of the silver pieces is, as you know, in preparation. No estimate has been made covering the manufacture of the bronze pieces, and I am writing to ask if the dies for the bronze coins have been, or are to be, sent to you. Would you prefer to have us take this matter up with the French Embassy, through our State Department? I shall appreciate any suggestions from you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of Mint

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February 9, 1920.

Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith I am enclosing bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $200.20 for manfacture of embossed stamped envelope dies for the Hartford and Kenny machines. Please cause the amount of the bill to be credited to the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Phila.	1920 -	$178.50
Contingent Expenses, do	, 1920 -	21.70

Bill in the sum of $1001.10 for manufacture of embossed stamped envelope dies is also enclosed with the request that the amount be credited to the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Phila.,	1919 -	$157.00
Wages of Workmen, do	, 1920 -	740.68
Contingent Expenses, do	, 1919 -	18.00
Contingent Expenses, do	, 1920 -	85.42

The above mentioned bills are accompanied by the order for manufacture of the dies also receipts for their delivery.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1920.

Chief, Insular Bureau,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the San Francisco Mint in the sum of $7,500 for the manufacture of 25,000 pesos in one centavos, 2,500,000 pieces.

Please cause the amount of this bill to be credited to the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at San-Francisco, 1920 ..... $5,000.00
Contingent Expense, Mint at San-Francisco, 1920 ..... 2,500.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 10, 1920.

Norton Company,
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith voucher received at this Bureau which is not payable from any appropriation under the control of this Office. Will you please cause the account to be sent to the institution to which material was sent.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 10, 1920.

McQuatters Corporation,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant I beg to advise you that we do not issue statistics covering the monthly production of the precious metals. These figures are issued annually. The data for 1919 will be ready some time late in the present year.

For figures covering the imports and exports of the precious metals I beg to refer you to "The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1920.

Mr. Charles M. Aman,
5th and Richmond Avenue,
Richmond, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to advise you that the law provides we may sell gold bars in quantities valued at $5,000 and over. We are not allowed to sell small quantities of gold.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 10, 1920.

Dr. C. B. Ruff,
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant I beg to advise you that dental scrap will be received at the U. S. Mint, New Orleans, or the U. S. Assay Office New York, and the gold and silver content paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

The Government does not purchase platinum.

Respectfully,

M. McLeod

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1920.

Mr. John Stone,
Evansville, Miss.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 7th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I beg to advise you that assay of ore for gold and silver will be made at the Mint of United States at New Orleans. If the bar you describe is gold it will be purchased by the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1920.

Mr. Philip Weber,
15 W-4th St.,
New York City.

Sir:-

Your letter of January 22nd addressed to the U. S. Assay Office, Washington was delivered to this Bureau on January 27th. The package was also delivered to this Bureau. A visual examination indicates that the material is rich in lead. I would suggest that you confer with a reliable mining engineer in New York.

The specimen forwarded by you is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1920.

Assistant Treasurer
of the United States,
New York City.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith B/L No. T-316432 covering a shipment of nickels and one-cent pieces to your institution, November 29th last; there appears to be a discrepancy of 30 pounds between the shipping weight and the receiving weight.

If the quantity shipped was received kindly correct your certificate accordingly, and return the B/L to this office at an early date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1920.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

With Reference to your voucher covering telegrams pertaining to the Office of the Director of the Mint for the month of December, 1919, I beg to enclose herewith sub-voucher #41, being message sent to Mr. Harry Scheeline, % Director of the Mint. This message is not payable by the Government and it is requested that separate bill be rendered Mr. Scheeline for same and that it be forwarded C/o the Director of the Mint.

The amount charged for this message on your voucher, $1.18, has been deducted from the total of $12.54 and the voucher will be paid in the sum of $11.36.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1920.

Dear Senator Curtis:-

Responding to the request contained in your letter of February 9th, I take pleasure in advising you that a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1919 has been sent to Mr. A. L. Oswald, University of Kansas, Beta Theta Pi, Lawrence, Kansas. The edition for 1918 is exhausted and re-print is now being made. As soon as a supply is received from the printer a copy of the 1918 report will be sent to Mr. Oswald.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles Curtis,
United States Senate.
Washington, D.C.

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February 11, 1920.

Mr. Akira Den,
Japanese Financial Commission,
New York City.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the very interesting "19th Financial and Economic Annual of Japan" which you have courteously forwarded to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1920.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 West-19th St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith find B/L No. T 164986 which accompanied your voucher B-12-185 in amount $985.28, the charges represented by this B/L, $34.43, are not payable by the Mint service and a separate bill should be rendered to the Treasury Department covering this item.

The sum of $34.43 has been deducted from your bill B-12-185 and the bill will be paid in the sum of $950.85.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 12, 1920.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, referring to letter of this Bureau dated February 9th regarding the increased number of bronze pieces asked for by the French Embassy, I beg to state that a new estimate of the amount of metals required is being prepared and will be mailed to you within a day or two. The estimate sent you December 5th covered the manufacture of 10,000,000 pieces, while the new order calls for 15,000,000 pieces.

Referring to the last paragraph of your letter in which you state that you will receive from your Paris office, in addition to the dies for the bronze coins, one twenty cent silver piece and one ten cent silver piece, the coinage of which is now being prepared at the San Francisco Mint, I beg to ask if you desire that we shall suspend the execution of the silver coinage until the specimen coins reach us for comparison. The working dies made at the Philadelphia Mint for the silver coins have already been sent to the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1920.

American Railway Express Co.,
119 W--19th St.,
New York City.

Sir:-

Herewith enclosed find your bill No. B/8/160 in amount of $.47 with supporting certificate in lieu of lost B/L and correspondence pertaining thereto.

I find from the records that the service which apparently is covered by this bill was billed on your voucher # B/12-41 in the sum of $8.70: the sum of $1.42 being included for the service represented by B/L No. 300,962. Settlement of the Auditor for the Treasury Department #79172, dated January 28, 1920 covers your voucher #B/12-41.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

P.S.

If this claim is again submitted it must be accompanied by all the papers herewith.

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February 12, 1920.

Mr. S. C. Herrick,
Russell, Kansas.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, together with package said to contain gold scraps and amalgam scrap.

There is no place in Washington where such metal is received by the Government. The package has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York. The Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the gold and silver less charges for fitting material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1920.

Mr. E. C. Roberts,
Davenport, Iowa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 9th, you are advised that deposits of gold will be received at the mints and assay offices and paid for at the rate of $20.67 an ounce. The payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the fine gold contained in a deposit after deducting charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The coinage of gold is free.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1920.

Mr. H. E. Meyer, Chief Clerk
Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Mines, Wash. D.C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11th enclosing a copy of circular relating to assays made at the various mints. I am returning herewith the copy with three corrections.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 13, 1920.

Mr. C. W. Jungberg,
944 S - Main St.,
Kalispell, Montana.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 8th, I beg to advise you that a gold dollar contains 23.22 of grains of pure gold. The price of gold is $20,67 a troy ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1920.

Mr. Edward J. Syphers,
Albany, Indiana.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 11th, you are advised that two types of nickles are in existence. A slight alteration was made in the first dies in order to bring out the word "cents", both types are legal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1920.

Mr. J. D. Joseph,
Bank of Whitewater,
Whitewater, Kansas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 9th, I beg to suggest that you forward the melted coins to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. If they are redeemable that office will advise you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 14, 1920.

Mr. H. C. Rizer, Chief Clerk,
United States Geological Survey,
Department of the Interior.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of February 12th, I beg to advise you that no letter has been received at this office from Amadee, California in regard to a package addressed to the "United States Assay Office".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1920.

Bureau of Standards,
Precision Weight Section,
Department of Commerce.

Gentlemen:-

On October 20,1919 and on November 18, 1919 weights forwarded to you for test were acknowledged in the following numbers: Test #2704 and test #26950, later changed to 26967.

Will you please advise this Bureau when we may expect a report on the efficiency of these weights.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1920.

Mr. Harold McMahon, Associate Treasurer,
Capitol Theatre, New York City.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 13th, you are advised that the following number of dimes were coined at the San Francisco Mint in 1894 - 240 dimes. The letter "S" indicates that the coins were made at the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1920.

Voland & Sons,
New Rochelle, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your account for weights furnished in September and October 1919, I beg to say that inquiry was made at the Bureau of Standards this day in regard to the test now being made by that Bureau on the weights. They are still in the custody of the Bureau of Standards and as soon as this office is advised that the weights are satisfactory the accounts will be adjusted. The Bureau of Standards has been requested to expedite the report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1920.

Secretary, Smithsonian Institution,
International Exchange Service,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

This Bureau is in receipt of a request from the Science Museum, South Kensington, London, S. W. for copies of reports of the "Director of the Mint" for a number of years. The editions called for amount to 42 copies of the "Report".

Will you please advise this Bureau if it will be practicable to forward these reports, which are bound copies, through your Service. This office will withhold forwarding the Reports until advised by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1920.

Professor W. F. Magruder,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 12 stating that you wish to have a professor and 17 students visit the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to advise you that the Mint is now open to visitors until 2 o'clock each day. The Superintendent of the Mint will take pleasure in having a guide provided for your party when they reach the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 16, 1920.

Miss Caroline Hamilton,
296 Garfield Pl.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Madam:-

In reply to your letter of February 13th, I beg to advise you that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins. Coin collectors do pay a small premium on gold dollars but I am unable to advise you of the exact amount offered by them.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 17, 1920.

Mr. Peter F. Kittle,
Arena, New York.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 13th, you are advised that assays of ores are made at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver, and $1.00 each for determining other metals. The United States Mint at New Orleans, Louisina, or the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, would make the analysis desired.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1920.

Mineral Point Zinc Company,
De Pue, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

I have your report of gold and silver production of the calendar year 1919, for which please accept my thanks.

The above mentioned report does not carry any indication as to the source of the material containing this gold and silver, whether produced in one of the States of our own country, or of some foreign country. As it is very important that I have this information it is requested that you kindly advise me concerning same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 16,1920.

Mr. P. J. Reed,
1243 West Cross St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 14th, you are advised that the United States Assay Office at New York and the United States Mint at Philadelphia purchase gold scrap in quantities approximating $100 and over and pay for the same by check on the United States Treasurer at the rate of $20.67 per ounce for the fine gold contained. Charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1920.

Brentano's
F Street N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On December 15th this Office requested you to obtain for us a copy of the following publication:-

"Alex. Del Mar's History of Monetary Systems in Various States."

Will you please advise me if this book is now available.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1920.

Mr. J. M. Little,
Bismarck, Arkansas.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you on February 12th and beg to advise you that there is no assay office in Washington where assays of ore are made for the public. Ores will be assayed at the United States Mint at New Orleans at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold and silver, and $1.00 each for determining other metals.

Regretting that we cannot be of service to you, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1920.

Mr. Neal R. Yocom,
C/o Sinclair Refining Co.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 13th, I beg to advise you that no silver dollars have been coined since 1904. The silver dollars have not been called in by the Treasury Department. The Pittman Act of April 1918 authorizes the Government to melt silver dollars to be used in manufacturing subsidiary coinage.

Respectfully,

R. W. Raley

Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1920.

Mr. H. M. Gaylord,
Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant relative to the use of space in the U. S. Assay Office Building at Helena, Montana, by the Federal Prohibition Director for Montana. Replying I take pleasure in advising you that the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Helena can spare office space to be used by Director Devlin provided the expense of heating, lighting and water supply are shared by him. I will be glad to direct the Assayer in Charge at Helena to confer with your Director as to the proportion of such expenses to be borne by each officer.

I have this day instructed the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office to provide whatever space he can spare and place the same at the disposal of Director Devlin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1920.

Assistant Cashier,
National Bank of Commerce,
New York City.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 17th, I beg to advise you that $2.50 gold pieces of the old design were last issued in 1907.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 18, 1920.

Mr. E. Roach,
2500 Caldwell Ave.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you, said to contain phosphate ore. There is no place in Washington under the Government where assays of ores are made for the public.

The United States Mint at New Orleans will make assays of ore for gold and silver at a charge of $1.00, and for other metals at a charge of $1.00 each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1920.

Mr. Stuart M. Buck,
Bromwell, West Va.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 16th instant concerning a 1-cent copper token, beg to advise that this token was probably issued during the Presidential Campaigns 1832-1844, at which time a remarkable number of medals and tokens were issued by private parties. This office has no record of medals or tokens issued by private parties.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1920.

Secretary, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint for manufacture of 6 silver disks. The bill is accompanied by copy of authority for performing this work, also receipt for delivery of the disks.

Please cause the amount of the bill, $16.35, to be credited to the following appropriations:

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia,	1920-	$ 4.53
Contingent Expense, do ,	1920-	11.82

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 19, 1920.

Hon. Charles S. Thomas,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Thomas:-

Replying to your letter of February 14th making inquiry as to the sale of gold to goldsmiths, jewelers, etc., I beg to state that the institutions of the Mint service sold during the calendar year 1919, gold for use in the arts approximating in value $67,593,000.00. The greater part of this amount was sold by the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1920.

Mr. G. S. Wickman,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Sir:-

The package addressed by you to "Government Assayer" has been delivered to this Bureau. The package appears to contain ore. As there is no institution in Washington where assays are made for the public the material is being held here awaiting instructions from you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1920.

Mr. J. E. Larimore,
Ogden, Illinois.

Sir:-

Your letter of February 14th addressed to Hon. Joseph G. Canon has been by him referred to this office for attention. Replying to your inquiry I beg to advise you that the piece described by you is not a coin, but what is known as a "token piece", many types of which were issued during the period of the Civil War. The piece has no numismatic value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1920.

Dr. George F. Kunz, President,
American Metric Association,
405 - 5th St., New York City.

Dear Doctor Kunz:-

On my return from the west I found your letter of the 17th relative to securing photographs of the Mexican coins.

May I suggest that you address a letter to the Charge d'affaires requesting permission to photograph the coins. I suggest that this be done as a matter of courtesy to the Mexican Government. Please advise me of your wishes further in the matter and I shall be glad to co-operate with you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1920.

Mr. M. L. Heminway,
General Manager,
Motor and Accessory Mfg. Association,
33 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 13th relative to platinum and iridium, I beg to advise you that we have on hand at the New York Assay Office platinum which we will offer for sale within a few days. It has been decided to offer approximately 500 ounces. The iridium we have on hand is not to be disposed of at this time.

We have no magneto points at any of the institutions of the Mint service.

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, who has been authorized to invite bids for the purchase of the 500 ounces of platinum, has been instructed to notify you at the same time that other possible purchasers are informed of the offer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 21, 1920.

United States Navy Yard,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to the enclosed request of the 16th instant for bill covering 12 gold expert riflemen medals, I beg to advise that the original bill covering these medals was forwarded to the Bureau of Supplies & Accounts, Navy Department, under date of January 8, 1920. Copy of the letter of transmittal is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1920.

Ordnance Bureau,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am forwarding bill in the sum of $384.00, of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of platinum from San Francisco to the New York Assay Office in February 1919. This bill is doubtless payable by the War Department as the New York Assay Office was merely refining this material for the War Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1920.

Hon. Jose E. Suay,
Minister of Finances of Salvador,
C/. Salvador Consulate,
42 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 12th relative to proposed coinage for the Government of El Salvador.

I am enclosing herewith sketches of proposed reverse sides of the coins, the diameter and thickness to be the same as the coins of the United States.

The value of the gold required in the manufacture of discs for the 40, 20, 10, and 5 Colon pieces will be $37.50; silver for the 50, 20 and 10 centavos pieces will be $0.80; seven pairs of dies to make models as per the sketches herewith will be $70.00, a total expense of $108.30.

If you wish to have the dies executed and the discs manufactured, I shall be glad to be further advised by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. Louis Janin Jr.,
Patton, California.

Sir:-

As it was not altogether clear just what information you desired your letter of the 2nd was referred to Mr. C. E. Van Orstrand, the physicist of the Geological Survey, and I enclose a copy of his reply.

On page 156 of the annual report of this Bureau for 1896 the pressures used in striking coins are given as follows:

Double Eagle - - -	175	tons.
Eagle	120	"
Half Eagle	75	"
Quarter Eagle	40	"
Dollar	150	"
Half Dollar	110	"
Quarter "	80	"
Dime	40	"

These figures, however, are only approximations and represent the pressure practically required to bring up a sharp, clear impression on the coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

Incl.

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. George R. Whitney,
719 East Capital St.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Whitney:-

I have your letter of the 22nd instant requesting to be assigned to duty in connection with the settlement at Denver at the end of this fiscal year. The assignments for that service have already been made or determined upon and for that reason I regret that I cannot comply with your request.

Under the circumstances I wish I might be of assistance to you but the assignments are already outlined, preventing me from doing so.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1920.

Hon. J. Edward Barry,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:-

I regret the necessity of returning your travel voucher pertaining to Assay Commission expenses.

Will you kindly have the oath or affirmation executed and return the voucher to this office when it will be placed in line for early settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1920.

Hon. Joseph H. O'Neil,
85 Devonshire St.,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:-

I regret that I must return your voucher covering travel expenses in connection with the Annual Assay Commission which met at Philadelphia recently.

The wrong form appears to have been furnished you for use in this connection and I am forwarding herewith the proper form. The form which accompanied your letter of the 20th instant does not provide all the necessary information.

Will you kindly have the enclosed form #2148 filled out in duplicate and the oath or affirmation executed. Upon receipt of this form properly executed, the account will be placed in line for early settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. M. H. Morris,
Cashier, First National Bank,
Versailles, Mo.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 18th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office, New York will receive the silver described in your letter and make payment for same by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. L.O. Marsaw,
C/. Jas. W. Mack,
Marks, Mississippi.

Sir:-

The sample forwarded by you on the 17th is a beautiful and interesting specimen of iron pyrites. It might have some slight value as a mineral specimen but has no commercial value. It is only when found in large bodies, thousands of tons, that pyrites have commercial value as an ore.

The sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.
Incl.

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. F. P. Bunker,
North Manchester, Ind.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 20th, you are advised that the United States Assay Office at New York will purchase silver in quantities approximating $100 and over and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges are deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes. The Government does not buy platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1920.

Dr. S. W. Stratton,
Director, Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of November 29, 1919 to Mr. John W. Pack, Assayer, United States Mint, San Francisco in which you kindly offered your aid in testing fine gold before the spectroscope for the purpose of determining the amount of impurity present:- I now transmit herewith four samples of gold together with two letters regarding them from Mr. Pack.

While Mr. Pack states that the only known impurity in his fine gold samples is silver I would add that other metals are often present in fine gold and that in grading the product of our electrolytic refineries we often have to decide whether the total impurity present is .01% or .02% (999.9 or 999.8 fine in gold) and individual fire assays may show a full 1000 fine in gold. Besides silver the impurities in such metal include the platinum metals, copper, lead, nickel and perhaps other metals.

Thanking you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. J. Elof Smith, Assistant Cashier,
The First National Bank of Laurium,
Laurium, Michigan.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of February 18th enclosing a gold medal issued by the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company to Joseph L. Brunette, I beg to advise you that the medal has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York. The value of the gold contained will be remitted to you by check as soon as the amount is determined by melt and assay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1920.

Mr. F. A. Johnson,
Carrabelle, Florida.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the Brazilian coin forwarded in your recent letter and regret that we cannot purchase same. The piece has only bullion value, which is but a few cents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Incl.

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February 24, 1920.

Dr. Melvin E. Page,
75 W. Western Ave.,
Muskegon, Mich.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 20th, I beg to advise you that the Government does not dispose of platinum in small quantities. When a stock of platinum is on hand bids are invited and we are obliged to sell to the higest bidder. The smallest quantity sold is approximately 25 ounces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1920.

Kadel & Herbert,
Associated Photopress,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of February 18th, I beg to advise you that the institutions of the Mint service are prohibited from permitting the photographing of activities of the Government.

Regretting that we cannot be of assistance to you I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 25, 1920.

Mr. D. H. Brunner,
Plankinton, South Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant I beg to advise you that pure gold is worth $0.66461 per gramme and $0.04304 per grain.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 25, 1920.

D. S. Whitaker & Co.,
Lebanon, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. together with package containing old silver. There is no place in Washington where such material is handled by the Government. The package has been sent to the Superintendent, U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, and that officer requested to remit to you the value of the silver contained in your deposit, less the charges for fitting it for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1920.

Mr. K. K. Chambers,
Milford, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollars of recent design. Congress authorized a slight modification of the design of the quarter dollar to improve the artistic merit of the piece, and that having the stars under the eagle is the second and final design. All quarter dollars now being made are of this design. Both types are legal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1920.

Mr. W. M. Cramp,
C/. Cramp & Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant in behalf of Miss Anna Kilpatrick, an employee of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

The letter has been placed on file in the Department to be referred to with other letters in connection with the services of Miss Kilpatrick.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1920.

Hon. Edgar R. Kiess,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant regarding a publication covering old coins. Replying I beg to state that the Government does not issue a publication covering this subject, and has no list of the value of old coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 25, 1920.

Mr. Arthur Wilfong,
Winona, Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant I beg to advise you that the Department has no record of gold sent by Joshua Lancaster about five years ago. There is no place in Washington where the Government receives deposits of gold bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 25, 1920.

The Director of the
Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant together with the receipt of weights adjusted under test number 26704.

It is noted that weights now being adjusted under test weight number 26967 will be sent by the latter part of this month.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1920.

Mr. Max H. Kunze,
2431 Dana Street,
Berkeley, California.

My dear Max:-

I took up the matter of your appointment in the Internal Revenue with the Commissioner's office here and was informed that you would have to have a Civil Service standing before any appointment could be made. Will you be good enough to let me know if you have taken an examination for this service.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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February 27, 1920.

Mr. Samuel E. Grove,
929 M Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Grove:

I regret that I have not been able to answer your letter before this date, owing to my absence from the city. I shall be very glad to have you call on me any time after the twentieth of March. I am leaving for the West tomorrow and will not return until about that time.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1920.

Mr. W. C. Allen,
547 Frederick Street,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Allen:

I regret exceeding that I find myself unable to assist you in securing employment in the San Francisco Mint. All positions in the San Francisco Mint are under Civil Service, and should you desire to enter the service I should suggest that you take the Civil Service examination, and upon certification I would be able to assist you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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February 27, 1920.

Mr. J. Littler Gatchel,
Thorold,
Ontario, Canada.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 17, relative to a position in one of the institutions of the United States Mint Service, I beg to advise you that all appointments are subject to Civil Service Examination.

I would suggest that you address the United States Civil Service Commission for information as to proposed examinations for appointment to the position of chemist or assayer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 28, 1920.

Mineral Point Zinc Company,
Depue, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, concerning the source of the material from which gold and silver was produced during the calendar year 1919, I beg to state that we do not appear to have received a report from you for the calendar year 1918. A report was received for 1917 to the effect that the material had all been received from Australia, and the estimate of production for 1918 was also made on that basis.

If you will kindly advise me as to the approximate quantities of gold and silver received from the source mentioned in your letter during both 1917 and 1918 it would be of material assistance to me and would be much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

February 28, 1920.

General Electric Company,
Schenectady, New York.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the twentieth instant, I have to advise that your voucher covering order No. 861 of the New York Assay Office was received and forwarded to the auditor October 30, 1919, in the sum of $11.77 instead of $16.71 as stated in your letter. The above mentioned voucher was settled by the auditor under date of November 11th, settlement No. 77654. Notice of this settlement was addressed to your Schenectady office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 28, 1920.

My dear Mr. Wirth:

I am leaving tonight for California and shall be glad, if occasion arises, to have you address me while you are in Denver at Santa Barbara, California. Should any extraordinary emergency arise, please wire me at that address.

Very truly yours,

R. O. Baltz

Director of the Mint.

B. ask Hartlin to do the same
RO

Mr. B. B. Wirth,
C/o U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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March 1, 1920.

L. D. Giddens & Son,
Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of February 26th, I beg to advise you that there is no law which prohibits the use of coins for ornaments. If holes are drilled in them they are no longer redeemable.

The law prohibits the reduction of the weight of a coin, by fraudulent means, and its restoration to circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1920.

Mr. E. A. Campbell,
C/o The Dime Savings Bank of Williamsburgh,
Havemeyer and South Fifth Streets,
Williamsburgh Bridge Plaza,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March first, I beg to advise you that the United States Government never issued a gold coin under the denomination of twenty-five cents. The issue of such pieces is illegal and has been suppressed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 1, 1920.

Miss Edith L. Ritchie,
Box 21,
Middlefield, Ohio.

My dear Miss Ritchie:

Replying to your letter of February 26th, you are advised that there are no gold dollars in the mints or in the Treasury. Those held by collectors are sold at a small premium.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 1, 1920.

Honorable William A. Ashbrook,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Ashbrook:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 28th, enclosing a letter from Mr. Kenneth T. Whitaker. In reply, you are advised that all positions in the United States Mint Service are under Civil Service restrictions.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 2, 1920.

Mr. A. J. Arneson,

Montevideo, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of February 24th, I beg to advise you that if you will forward the samples of ore that you have to the United States Mint at Denver, an assay for gold and silver will be made at one dollar, and for copper, lead, tin and antimony at one dollar for each determination.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 2, 1920.

Mr. Oscar Merremeyer,
1659 Second Avenue,
Terre Haute, Ind.

Sir:

The package forwarded by you, containing mutilated silver coins, has been received and referred to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, as there is no place in Washington where such deposits are handled by the Government. The Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the silver contained in the deposit, if he finds it acceptable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1920.

Mr. Gordon M. Atherholt,
1932 Green Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 25th, I am forwarding, under separate cover, a copy of the Report of The Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, which will give you all of the data we have compiled on the subject of money in circulation in foreign countries. No recent publication has been issued by the Department covering this subject. I would suggest that a reference to well-known financial magazines might be of assistance to you.

The latest data before this Bureau is that contained in the Wagel circular issued February 24th, which states that the gold reserve and notes of the principal European banks are as follows:

Bank of England - Notes		£ 93,646,000
- Gold		£108,501,544
British Currency Notes		£329,554,200
Gold Reserve for Currency Notes		£28,500,000
Bank of France - Notes	37,958,543,000	francs
- Gold	5,581,279,000	francs
Bank of Germany- Notes	37,443,375,000	marks
- Gold	1,090,143,000	marks

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1920.

Mr. B. P. Wirth,

C/o United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In response to your telegraphic request, I am enclosing, herewith, four transportation orders.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 2, 1920.

Mr. S. Amdursky,

824 Falkland Street,

Norfolk, Va.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of March first, you are advised that the United States never issued gold quarter dollars. So called quarter dollars are issued by private parties. Their manufacture is illegal and has been suppressed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 2, 1920.

The Caulk Dental Supply Company,
Diamond Bank Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

The package sent by express and addressed to the United States Mint, Washington, has been delivered to this Bureau. The package, presumed to contain dental scrap, has been forwarded unopened to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent will remit to you the value of the deposit, if he finds it acceptable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 2, 1920.

Mrs. Janet A. Fairbank,
1244 North State Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Madam:

Herewith I am returning your voucher for traveling expenses in connection with the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission in Philadelphia, with the request that the oath or affirmation be executed and the voucher returned to this office, when it will be placed in line for early settlement.

As stated by you, the voucher which accompanied this was prepared on the wrong form.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1920.

Voland & Sons,

New Rochelle, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The set of weights forwarded by you last September, which was sent by this Bureau to the Bureau of Standards, has today been received from that institution and is being forwarded to the United States Mint at New Orleans, together with your account. The Assayer in Charge at New Orleans has been instructed to make payment immediately.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1920.

The Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March first, enclosing a certificate for the set of weights submitted last Fall for test for the United States Mint at New Orleans.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1920.

Huff Electrostatic Separator Co.,

Arlington, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of February 20th, you are advised that the coinage mints of the United States are located at the following places: Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Denver. The United States Assay Offices are located at Seattle, Washington; Boise, Idaho; Helena, Montana; Salt Lake, Utah; Carson City, Nevada; New Orleans, Louisiana; Deadwood, South Dakota; and New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 4, 1920.

Mr. W. A. Berridge,
Wadsworth House,
Harvard University,
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 2d, and I have taken pleasure in having your name placed upon the mailing list of this office for all publications issued. A copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919, is being forwarded under separate cover.

I am enclosing, herewith, a preliminary estimate, issued by this Bureau early in January, covering the production of gold and silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 5, 1920.

Mr. Elmer M. Ellson,
11 1/2 Troutman Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 26th, relative to a coin, a pen sketch of which is attached to your letter, I beg to submit the following from Crosby's Early Coins of America".

"These coins have been known by various names, as 'Franklin,' 'Sun Dial,' 'Ring,' and 'Mind your business" cents, as well as by the name at the head of this chapter. Another name is proposed for them by Mr. Bushnell, in the annexed paragraph:

'This coin was issued by authority of Congress in 1787. It is generally known as the Franklin Cent, but should properly be called the Rittenhouse Cent, if named after any individual.(1) It was first coined in the city of New York. A number of sets of dies were made, and the piece was subsequently coined not merely in New York, but also in New Haven, Connecticut, Rupert, Vermont, and other places. The dies were made by Abel Buel, of New Haven, and the coins struck by means of a drop press.'

"(1) In the year 1756, he (Rittenhouse,) made an eight-day clock, for his brother in-law, Mr. Barton; over the dial-plate of which was engraven this mementory motto - Tempus fugit; and underneath, this blunt but too often necessary precept - Go about your business."

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 5, 1920.

The Comptroller of Currency,
Department of Finance,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter of the 14th instant which relates to the functions of the Assay Office at New York in cooperation with the Sub-Treasury at that point, I beg to state that the activities of the two institutions are independent of each other.

The Assay Office receives, melts and assays bullion, determines its value, and makes payment to the depositor by check on the Treasurer of the United States. This is the only relation the two institutions bear to each other in regard to the receipt of bullion. When a patron of the Assay Office desires to purchase gold bullion he is required to present a certificate of deposits of funds with the Assistant Treasurer, and upon that certificate the Superintendent of the Assay Office pays out gold bullion.

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1920, which covers the operations of the several assay offices.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 5, 1920.

Mr. Francis B. Southwick,
1736 G Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 23rd, relative to the form of the stars on the twenty-five and fifty cent pieces, I beg to submit the following from the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals" issued by this Bureau in 1912:

> "The use of stars as symbols of the States began in the first years of the national coinage. Until 1892 the six-pointed form of the star was employed; but on the reverse of the Half-dollar and Quarter of that year the five-pointed character was introduced, while the traditional six-point star was retained on the obverse. This change was probably due to the presence of a five-point star on the Great Seal, an adaptation of which forms the reverse type of these coins."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 5, 1920.

Mr. Clarke Braden,

Laddonia, Mo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of March first, I beg to state that in the year 1827 the United States coined $2,746,700 worth of silver half dollars. The Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and I am unable to advise you regarding the prices paid by coin dealers.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington, March 5, 1920.

Equitable Trust

New York City.

Wiring San Francisco to determine means of increasing Indu-China coinage output. Will advise you.

M. O'Reilly.

ICIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES MINT BUREAU 1920.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 5, 1920.

The Monetary Times of Canada,

Toronto, Canada.

Gentlemen:

A few weeks ago this Bureau filed a subscription to The Monetary Times for the period of January 1st to June 30th, 1920, inclusive. All the issues to date have been received except those for January 9th and 16th. Will you kindly have same forwarded in order that our file may be complete.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 6, 1920.

Miss Edith L. Ritchie,
Box 21,
Middlefield, Ohio.

My dear Miss Ritchie:

Replying to your inquiry, I am unable to advise you as to where you could obtain a gold dollar.

Respectfully,

B. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 6, 1920.

Mr. R. V. Rendine,

Connellsville, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your card of March 5th, you are advised that the United States Mint at Philadelphia will purchase old gold in quantities of one hundred dollars in value and over, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

B. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 9, 1920.

Mr. Andy Anderson,
Box 164,
Petersburg, Alaska.

Sir:

I am returning, herewith, the package forwarded by you containing ore for assay, and beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington, under the Government, where such work is done for the public. If you will forward the specimen to the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, the Assayer in Charge of that institution will have assays made. Charges for determining gold and silver, $1.00, and for lead, tin, zinc, antimony, etc., $1.00 for each determination.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 9, 1920.

Mr. Harry Hertzler,
Care of City Engineer,
Room 405 South City Hall Annex,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 29th, I beg to advise you that there is no authority for the coinage of a two cent piece.

To obtain Philippine coins, you should address the Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 9, 1920.

Mr. William Oakley,
R. R. # 3,
Maroa, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 1st, I beg to advise you that a visual examination of this specimen, forwarded by you, indicates that the material is copper alloy having no particular value. The specimen is returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

M. McRell

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 10, 1920.

Mr. Samuel W. Traylor,
50 Church Street,
Allentown, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, concerning expenses in attending the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission in Philadelphia in February, has been received in Mr. Baker's absence. If you will have your expenses indicated on the enclosed voucher form, in duplicate, have the oath or affirmation executed and return the voucher to this office, it will be placed in line for settlement.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 10, 1920.

Mr. Cecil F. Elmes,
Sanderson & Porter,
72 West Adams Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8th, relative to the production of gold and silver and their use in the arts, I beg to advise you that this data will not be compiled until sometime late in the Fall of this year. The information necessary to complete these tables is not in the hands of this Bureau until late in September or October of each year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 10, 1920.

Mr. William R. Reinick,
Assistant Secretary,
Pennsylvania War History Commission,
1300 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8th, I beg to advise you that our supply of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1918 is entirely exhausted. However, it is expected that a new edition of the volume will be brought out before long, and at that time you will be furnished with a copy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 10, 1920.

Mr. J. G. Ventuella,
Box 479,
Springfield, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8th, I have taken pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of the circular "Value of Foreign Coins".

I regret that the edition of the report of the Director of the Mint for 1916 is exhausted.

To secure gold coins, you should apply to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 10, 1920.

Mr. Francis V. Newell,

R. R. #5,

Dexter, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 2d, you are advised that the mints do not receive gold in the form of ore. Gold in the form of bullion is received when the quantity approximates one hundred dollars or more.

I regret that we can not receive the ore you describe.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 10, 1920.

Mr. Edward Feindel,
Box 357,
Richfield, Idaho.

Sir:

I am returning, herewith, the check enclosed in your letter of the 5th instant, together with the specimen of rock forwarded by you.

There is no place in Washington where assays of ore are made by the Government for the public. I would suggest that you send this specimen to the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, where this work can be done for you at a charge of one dollar for the determination of gold and silver, and one dollar each for determining other metals.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 11, 1920.

Mr. E. Chesworth,

Steel Creek,

Alaska.

Sir:

Your letter of December 19th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, in regard to the "pokes" which were cut and made worthless when your deposits were received in Seattle, was eventually referred to this Bureau.

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of a letter received from the Assayer in Charge at Seattle, who was asked by this Bureau to make a report on the circumstances connected with the disposition and destruction of the containers of your gold deposits.

I trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 11, 1920.

Mr. W. G. Bushong,
Cashier,
The First National Bank,
Morristown, Tenn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 8th, relative to the mutilated coins of the estate of Thomas Laxton, deceased, I beg to advise you that the Government will pay $20.67 an ounce for the gold and the market price for silver, which is today about $1.28 and ounce, ~~sou~~ in the coins described by you. The coins having been mutilated have bullion value only. They should be sent to the United States Mint at Denver or the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 11, 1920.

Guttag Brothers,

52 Wall Street,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 8th, I beg to advise you that there was no United States Assay Office at Prescott, Arizona, in December, 1883, and no United States Assay Office has ever been established at that point.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 11, 1920.

Mr. Harry Goodman,
1340 Arapahoe Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your card of March 3rd, I have to advise you that there is now law which prohibits the total destruction of gold coins for use in the arts and sciences.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 12, 1920.

Mr. Farran Zerbe,
650 Bush Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 5th, I regret to advise you that Dr. Norris died in November 1917.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 12, 1920.

Mr. Randolph Walden,
Room 20, Maple Inn,
1046 Maple Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 7th, I beg to advise you that no gold coins have been manufactured since 1916.

There are no one dollar gold pieces in the Treasury and there are none in the mints.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 12, 1920.

Mr. W. R. Bowman,
Executive Assistant,
War Department,
Zone Finance Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am returning, herewith, the bill of lading enclosed in your letter of March 9th, and beg to state that the spelter delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia was purchased by that institution f.o.b. Mint at Philadelphia. The freight charges, therefore, would not seem to be payable from any appropriation under the control of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 12, 1920.

Dr. George F. Kunz,

409 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Kunz:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 11th, relative to the platinum and iridium held by the officers of the Mint service.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York has in his custody some platinum, which it is intended to place on the market. Before doing this several dealers will be invited to bid. The stock of iridium on hand is to be held by the Assay Office and not offered for sale at the present time.

In regard to the separation of the platinum metals, I beg to suggest that you call on the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office on Wall Street for information regarding the methods employed in that institution in handling the platinum group of metals.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 13, 1920.

Mr. Charles W. Moore,
9 1/2 Eleventh Street,
Columbus, Georgia.

Sir:

I am returning, herewith, the package forwarded by you containing ore for assay, and beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington, under the Government, where such work is done for the public. If you will forward the specimen to the United States Mint at New Orleans, the Superintendent of that institution will have assays made. Charges for determining gold and silver, one dollar, and for lead., tin, zinc, antimony, etc., one dollar for each determination.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 13, 1920.

Mr. Peter F. Kittle,
Arena, Delaware County,
New York City.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 11th, I beg to advise that if you will address the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, that officer will give you the desired information in regard to your deposit. This office has no details of the deposit referred to by you.

Respectfully,

M. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 13, 1920.

Headquarters,
United States Marine Corps,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $932.25 for manufacture of two thousand Good Conduct medals and five hundred bars, as per your request of August 6, 1919, copy attached.

Acknowledgment of receipt of these medals has not been received, although requested.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1920	$843.62
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1920	88.63
Total	$932.25

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1920.

Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $175.77 for manufacture of three hundred and forty-five West Indian Campaign medals and bars, also copy of order for same and letter acknowledging their receipt.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following appropriations in the sums indicated;

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1920	$165.57
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1920	10.20
Total	$175.77

Respectfully,

B. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 13, 1920.

Mr. Irvin Bolgard,
3823a Nebraska Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your request of recent date, I beg to advise you that the value of a gold dollar, when it leaves the mint, is exactly one hundred cents; that is, a gold dollar has exactly one hundred cents worth of gold in it when it leaves the mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Honorable Oscar W. Underwood,
Committee on Appropriations,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Underwood:

By direction of the Director of the Mint, Honorable Raymond T. Baker, I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter addressed by him to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of February 28th, regarding the recommendations included in the estimates forwarded by the Secretary and omitted from the legislative bill as reported by the House.

As the recommendations contained in this letter are of vital importance to the Mint Service, this copy is submitted with the hope that you might deem it expedient to look into the merits of the petition.

Respectfully,

M. W. Rieg

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Honorable William J. Harris,
Committee on Appropriations,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Harris:

By direction of the Director of the Mint, Honorable Raymond T. Baker, I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter addressed by him to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of February 28th, regarding the recommendations included in the estimates forwarded by the Secretary and omitted from the legislative bill as reported by the House.

As the recommendations contained in this letter are of vital importance to the Mint Service, this copy is submitted with the hope that you might deem it expedient to look into the merits of the petition.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Honorable Francis E. Warren,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Warren:

By direction of the Director of the Mint, Honorable Raymond T. Baker, I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter addressed by him to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of February 28th, regarding the recommendations included in the estimates forwarded by the Secretary and omitted from the legislative bill as reported by the House.

As the recommendations contained in this letter are of vital importance to the Mint Service, this copy is being sent with the hope that you might deem it expedient to look into the merits of the petition.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Honorable Reed Smoot,
Committee on Appropriations,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Smoot:

By direction of the Director of the Mint, Honorable Raymond T. Baker, I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter addressed by him to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of February 28th, regarding the recommendations included in the estimates forwarded by the Secretary and omitted from the legislative bill as reported by the House.

As the recommendations contained in this letter are of vital importance to the Mint Service, this copy is submitted with the hope that you might deem it expedient to look into the merits of the petition.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Honorable Frederick Hale,
Committee on Appropriations,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Hale:

By direction of the Director of the Mint, Honorable Raymond T. Baker, I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter addressed by him to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of February 28th, regarding the recommendations included in the estimates forwarded by the Secretary and omitted from the legislative bill as reported by the House.

As the recommendations contained in this letter are of vital importance to the Mint Service, this copy is submitted with the hope that you might deem it expedient to look into the merits of the petition.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Honorable Lawrence C. Phipps,
Committee on Appropriations,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Hale:

By direction of the Director of the Mint, Honorable Raymond T. Baker, I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter addressed by him to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of February 28th, regarding the recommendations included in the estimates forwarded by the Secretary and omitted from the legislative bill as reported by the House.

As the recommendations contained in this letter are of vital importance to the Mint Service, this copy is submitted with the hope that you might deem it expedient to look into the merits of the petition.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Mr. William Ullrich,
803 Davis Street,
Evanston, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 12th, I beg to advise you that if you will forward the gold scrap you have to the United States Mint at Denver, same will be received and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted. The charges are nominal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Mr. Daniel J. Tompkins,
President,
United States Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 13th, I beg to advise you that Mr. John B. Snider, formerly foreman of the laboratory in the United States Assay Office at New York, voluntarily resigned from the service January 2, 1920.

Respectfully,

W. M. Ridley

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Leyse Aluminum Co.,
Kewaunee,
Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 12th, I beg to advise you that one cent pieces for 1920 have been issued since January 1st. An application for a supply of these coins should be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., or to any Sub-Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Mr. F. W. Atkinson,
167 Sigourney Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 13th, I beg to advise you that old gold in quantities approximating in value one hundred dollars and over will be received at the United States Mint at Philadelphia and paid for, after the value has been determined by melt and assay. Charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States. Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 a fine ounce.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 15, 1920.

Mr. Charles M. Hartung,
Cashier,
Mount Vernon Bank,
Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 10th, you are advised that there is no law which prohibits the total destruction of gold and silver coins. The law provides a penalty for the fraudulent reduction in weight of coins and their restoration to circulation.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1920

Mackall Brothers,

823 H Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Dept., Washington, D. C.

4411 Acid, nitric;

(b) C.p.,sp.gr. 1.42; in 7-pound

bottles; 10 bottles to the case. 1 case lb. $ .18

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

The Director of the Mint.

Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1920.

Mackall Brothers,

March 15th 20.

823 H Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Dept., Washington, D. C.

4408 Acid, hydrocloric;

(a) (1) Sp.gr.1.19; in 6-pound bottles 3 bottles lb.$.195

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 16, 1920.

Finance Department,
Dominion Government,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise me of the amount of United States gold coin held by the Dominion Government of Canada at the close of the calendar year 1919. This is our usual annual request and in connection therewith will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and used only in the compilation of aggregates for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 16, 1920.

The Royal Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise me of the amount of United States gold coin held by you at the close of the calendar year 1919. This is our usual annual request and in connection therewith will state that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential and used only in the compilation of aggregates for statistical purposes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 16, 1920.

Mr. Harry K. Schultz,
1330 East 115th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 11th, I beg to state that Columbian half dollars are worth only their face value. There are many of them in cirulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 16, 1920.

Mr. L. D. Williams,
Cashier,
The American National Bank,
Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 10th, you are advised that the Government would not undertake to restore a coin by filling up a hole which had been bored in it. A gold coin thus mutilated has no value as such. It has bullion value only.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

Mary 16, 1920.

Mr. George S. Godard,
State Librarian,
Hartford, Connecticut.

My dear Mr. Godard:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 13th, stating that you are forwarding, under separate cover a copy of the metal badge issued in connection with your General Assembly Centennial and also a metal badge used by Connecticut at the Jamestown Exhibition.

I shall take great pleasure in receiving the badges and appreciate your courtesy in remembering to send them to me.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

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March 15, 1920.

Honorable J. E. Harper,
Chief, Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 15th, stating that it is your desire to have each bureau represented on a committee to draft time and leave regulations to cover the various field services, I beg to state that I shall take pleasure in attending the meetings of the committee, when notified by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 16, 1920.

Mr. Earl F. Thomas,
Secretary,
Osmun-Cook Company,
No. 7 West Park St.,
Newark, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, you are advised that there is no law which prohibits the total destruction of gold coin for use in the arts and sciences. The law provides a penalty for the fraudulent reduction of the weight of coins and their restoration to circulation as such.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

March 16, 1920.

Mr. C. Adams,
1404 East Fifth Street,
Winston, N. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 15th, I beg to advise you that this office does not pass on the value of precious stones. I would suggest that you forward the same to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington, March 18, 1920.

Hon. R. T. Baker,
Santa Barbara,
California.

Senator King recommends Charles A. Mixer Assay in Charge Salt Lake. Following your interview with Gammon he also suggested Mixer. Do you approve having me send name to Secretary. Hawkins reached Philadelphia this morning. Wirth buried Saturday. I am going over that morning.

O'Reilly

BUSINESS.
INMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES MINT BUREAU 1920.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
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March 18, 1920.

Mr. Auguste Arnaune,
36, Rue de Fleurus,
Paris VIe.,
France.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 18th, I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, covering the statistics on the production of the precious metals. For information as to the production of other ores, your letter has been forwarded to the United States Geological Survey and the Director of that institution requested to transmit to you any information he has covering the production of lead, copper, zinc and other ores containing silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1920.

The Director,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose, herewith, a translation of a letter received from Mr. Auguste Arnaune, 36 Rue de Fleurus, Paris.

A copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint has been forwarded to Mr. Arnaune and he has been advised that his letter has been referred to you for further information relative to lead, copper, zinc, and other ores containing silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1920.

Mr. William J. Faulkner,
7300 Yale Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 23rd, relative to the shillings that were in circulation during the early settlement of this country, I beg to advise you that each colony had a shilling of its own. For information covering this subject, I beg to state that the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, has for sale a book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia". This book contains satisfactory references to colonial monies. It is sold for one dollar per copy. I regret that we have not a supply of this catalogue for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1920.

Mr. R. A. Faillace,
296 Harman Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 13th, I beg to advise you that this office does not issue a list of foreign exchanges. I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of the table entitled "Values of Foreign Coins", which gives the intrinsic value of the coins in the money of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1920.

Mr. Hilary W. Bucke,
Assistant Vice President,
The National City Bank,
New York City.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 16th, requesting that copies of the reports of this office be forwarded to Mr. Thomas Maughan, Secretary, Gold Producers' Association, Ltd., 48 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, I beg to state that I have this day taken pleasure in sending him a copy of the report for 1917 and one for the year 1919. The edition for 1918 has been exhausted, but as soon as a supply of the second edition is received from the printer a copy will be forwarded to Mr. Maughan.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1920.

Mr. L. M. Weber,
C/o Park-Union Foreign Banking Corp.,
56 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sir:-

I am enclosing, herewith, two copies of the publication entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". These are being sent at the request of Honorable Martin Vogel, Assistant Treasurer of the United States, of the Subtreasury at New York.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1920.

A. W. Dellquest Book Company,
213-215 Seventh Street,
Augusta, Ga.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 17th, I beg to advise you that foreign and mutilated coins, in quantities approximating one hundred dollars and over in value, will be received at the United States Mint at Philadelphia and paid for after the value has been determined by melt and assay. Charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1920.

Mr. Guy Y. Hager,
Cleveland,
North Carolina.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I beg to advise you that a visual examination of the specimen forwarded by you indicates that the metal is tin copper alloy, having no particular commercial value.

The specimen is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1920.

Foreign Exchange Department,
The National City Bank,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly favor us by making the usual revision of the "Remarks" column of our circular "Values of Foreign Coins" to be issued April 1, 1920, copies enclosed, and return so as to reach Washington by the 29th instant.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

Leyse Aluminum Company,

Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 18th, enclosing a draft for $100.00, requesting that 10,000 new 1920 one-cent pieces be forwarded. Your letter, together with the check, has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States for action.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

South Side State Bank,
Cottage Grove Avenue & 43rd St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 18th, relative to $2.50 gold pieces, I beg to suggest that you address an inquiry to the Treasurer of the United States in regard to same. There are no quarter eagles in the Mints and none have been coined for several years.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

Mr. Ralph Leete,
12 Park Avenue,
Oneida, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 19th, relative to the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to advise that this book is a volume of six hundred pages and is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at $1.00 per copy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

Engineering Department,
Hamilton & Hansell, Inc.,
Park Row Building,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of March 19th, I beg to advise that the material forwarded by you last May, covering the description ofthe Rennerfelt Electric Furnace, was sent by this Bureau to the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint of Melbourne. No further inquiry has been received from that source by this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

Mr. Arnold Troegel,
Auburn,
Nebraska.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 17th, I beg to advise you that the information you desire is contained in the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia", which is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at $1.00 per copy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

The Secretary,
Transvaal Chamber of Mines,
Johannesburg.

Sir:-

In response to your inquiry of February 3rd, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the report received from the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, describing the vault protection of the Assay Office in that city.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

The United States Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letters of March 19th, I beg to advise you that the designation of Mr. Theodore H. Saal has been changed from that of Skilled Workman to that of Clerk, effective January 16, 1920.

The designation of Mr. Diedrich H. Schroeder has been changed from that of Helper to that of Clerk, effective January 19, 1920.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

Miss M. Fraser Ross,

612 Forest Avenue,

Tampa, Florida.

My dear Miss Ross:

Replying to your letter of March 20th, you are advised that the piece you describe is not a coin but was issued by private parties. It has bullion value of a few cents. The issue of these pieces is illegal and has been suppressed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

Mr. P. J. Marlow,

Wampee, South Carolina.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry, relative to the Federal Reserve Note described, please address the Treasurer of the United States in regard to the same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 22, 1920.

Mr. Selden Irwin,
Advertising Manager,
Whitaker-Glessner Company,
Wheeling, W. Va.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 19th, I enclose herewith a copy of the pamphlet entitled " The Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", which will give you the information we have in regard to the Spanish coins.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1920.

Mr. A. B. Prontaut,
203 Union Savings Bank Bldg.,
Augusta, Ga.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 20th, I beg to advise you that foreign coins and old gold coins below the legal weight have bullion value only. Silver is paid for at the market price, which fluctuates each day, and gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per ounce.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1920.

Mr. J. G. Randall,
Department of History,
Richmond College,
Richmond, Va.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 19th, I am enclosing herewith a copy of Department Circular No. 52, which gives information in regard to the paper money issued by the Government.

Under separate cover, I am forwarding a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1920.

Mr. James B. Goslee,

Delmar,

Delaware.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 20th, I beg to advise you that there is no premium on Columbian Half Dollars. There are many of them in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1920.

Mr. Homer C. Meyers,

Box 413,

Hooversville, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning, herewith, the specimen forwarded in your letter of the 19th instant, and beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington where tests are made by the Government for the public. If you will forward the specimen you have to the United States Mint at New Orleans an assay will be made for gold and silver at one dollar, and for lead, tin, zinc, antimony, etc., at one dollar for each determination.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1920.

Mr. Van H. Manning,
Director, Bureau of Mines,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Manning:

Replying to your letter of the 18th of March, in regard to Mr. Galen H. Clevenger, I take pleasure in advising you that we shall be happy to extend every courtesy to Mr. Clevenger whenever he may care to visit our New York Assay Office, where electrolytic refining is done, or the Mint at Philadelphia, where the refining of gold and silver is carried on by various processes.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1920.

The American Railway Express Co.,
119 West 19th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning your bill No. C/2/186 in the sum of $10.31, covering three different bills of lading.

Will you please have separate vouchers prepared covering each bill of lading as each item is payable from a different office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

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March 24, 1920.

Mr. Fred O. Copeland,
Assistant Cashier,
The Randolph National Bank,
Randolph, Vt.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 20th, relative to the models used for the various coins, I beg to state that this Bureau has no knowledge of the individuals who were used as models by the artists who designed the coins.

For information relative to the so-called Buffalo Nickel, address Mr. James E. Fraser, #3 McDougal Alley, New York City.

The $2.50 and $5.00 gold pieces were designed by Mr. Bela Pratt of Boston, Massachusetts.

The $10.00 gold piece was designed by Mr. St. Gaudens, who has since died.

For information relative to the models used for the engravings on paper money, I would suggest that you address the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1920.

Mr. Joseph Gumm,
145 East Main St.,
Jackson, Michigan.

Sir:-

I have your letter of March 22nd advising that you are shipping, by express, a package containing 450 dwt. of old gold, requesting that the same be assayed and check sent you in payment.

In reply, I beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington where such material is received by the Government. When the package is received at this Bureau, it will be forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York. The Superintendent of that institution will remit to you a check for the value of the gold and silver content, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

The check enclosed in your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1920.

The Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

NVP:RJW.

Sir:-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed by this Bureau to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans, authorizing him to permit the Public Health Service to succeed the American Red Cross in its occupancy of that part of the United States Mint Building at New Orleans not required for the purpose of carrying on the work of the assay office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1920.

Messrs. Blatt & Lesser,
Union Building,
Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of March 19th, I beg to advise you that there is no law which prohibits the total destruction of gold and silver coins. The law provides a penalty for the fraudulent reduction in weight of coins and their restoration to circulation as such.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1920.

Mr. Fred T. Bernard,
609 North Stokes Street,
Havre de Grace, Md.

Sir:-

Your letter of the twentieth instant, together with the specimen enclosed therein, has been referred to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., for attention.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1920.

G. Amsinck & Co., Inc.,
90 Wall Street,
New York City.

Attention of Mr. J. M. Ramos.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 23rd, relative to the proposed coinage for Colombia, I beg to submit the following, covering an estimate of the cost and giving the amount of metal required for the manufacture of 15,000,000 two-centavo pieces and 20,000,000 one-centavo nickel pieces.

Two Centavos - alloy 75% copper and 25% nickel.

15,000,000 pieces, coinage cost $2.00 per M pieces, weight of coin two grams, tolerance same as U.S. nickel coins.

One Centavos -alloy 75% copper and 25% nickel.

20,000,000 pieces, coinage cost $2.25 per M pieces, weight of coin one gram, tolerance same as U.S. nickel coin.

Metal required in coinage.

	Aver. pounds.	
	Nickel	Copper
15,000,000 two centavos	16,534.2857	49,602.8572
20,000,000 one centavos	11,022.8572	33,068.5714
Total	27,557.1429	82,671.4286

The quality of the above copper shall be electrolytic of 99.90% copper content, and the nickel shall be shot nickel of 99.00% nickel Cobalt content, the cost of which is not included in coinage costs but must be furnished by the Government of Colombia.

The cost of kegs or boxes necessary for shipping is also not included in coinage charges but will be additional thereto.

The coinage charges do however include cost of working dies provided master dies, which it is understood will be furnished, are in good condition. If any work is necessary to be done on the master dies, an additional charge will be made, as such work is also not included in coinage costs.

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This letter is also in confirmation of my telephone communication of this date, stating that should this coinage be formally authorized manufacture of the pieces would be undertaken at the Mint in Denver immediately upon receipt of the dies.

It is understood that the master dies now being sent to the Mint at Philadelphia would be used by that institution in the manufacture of working dies, these dies to be sent to Denver for use in the manufacture of the coins.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1920.

Glendium Brothers,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive bids until Saturday noon, March 27, 1920, for delivery to the Mint at Denver of ten tons of screened shot nickel, the price to include delivery at the Mint building Denver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

The above letter also sent to the following:

American Metal Company,
New York City.

United States Nickel Co.
New York City.

U. S. Metals Company,
42 Broadway,
New York City.

Mr. Fred S. Hardesty,
C/o International Nickel Co.,
New Commercial Bank Building
Washington, D. C.

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March 26, 1920.

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

In the temporary absence of the Director of the Mint, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, enclosing a letter from Mr. Burt G. Shields who seeks appointment to a position in the United States Assay Office at New York.

Upon the return of Mr. Baker early in April his attention will be called to your letter in Mr. Shield's behalf.

Respectfully,

A. M. Hall

Acting Director of the Mint.

Honorable Charles S. Hamlin,
Federal Reserve Board.

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March 26, 1920.

Mr. J. W. Hunefeld,
Hunter Avenue,
Maywood, N. J.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter dated March 26th, I beg to advise you that a visual examination of the specimen forwarded by you indicates that the material is pyrites, having no particular commercial value.

The specimen is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1920.

Mr. George H. Kimball,
Box 135,
Pontiac, Michigan.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 23rd and have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, which gives all the data available to this Bureau upon the production of gold and its consumption.

I would suggest that for further information in regard to the financial conditions of the country you should address the Secretary of the Treasury and request a copy of the Finance Report for the fiscal year 1919. It might also be interesting for you to obtain a copy of the Report of the Comptroller of the Currency by addressing that officer at the Treasury Department.

The Department has no list of works on economics which it is in a position to recommend for study.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1920.

Mr. Simon Small,
Caneyville, Kentucky.

Sir:-

Your letter of March 20th has been received, but it contained no sample of ore.

There is no place in Washington where assays are made by the Government for the public. If you will forward the specimen you have to the United States Mint at New Orleans an assay will be made for gold and silver at one dollar, and for lead, tin, zinc, antimony, etc., at one dollar for each determination.

Respectfully,

N. McRaelle

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1920.

The Director,
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am very much obliged for yours of the 23rd and the accompanying spectrograms of gold. The spectrograms are being carefully studied by the Assayer of this Bureau who looks forward with great interest for the fuller report on the subject, which you have promised.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1920.

Mr. Robert A. McGaha,
403 T Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am returning, herewith, the specimen enclosed in your letter of the 25th instant, and beg to advise that the same appears to be a copper coin, and in its present condition has no numismatic value.

Respectfully,

D. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1920.

Mrs L. E. Morey,
129 East Avenue,
Lockport, N. Y.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 23rd, I beg to advise you that the head on the half dollar is an idealized head drawn by Mr. Barber, the sculptor who designed the coin. The head is supposed to be emblematic of Liberty.

Respectfully,

W. M. McKelvy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1920.

Accounting Department,
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.,
547 West Jackson Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am enclosing part of a ticket purchased March 15, 1920, by E. D. Hawkins, for transportation from Denver to New York.

The ticket was not used from Philadelphia to New York and it is requested that refund be made for same. Check should be made in favor of "Director of the Mint" and forwarded to that officer at the Treasury Department, Washington.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

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March 27, 1920.

United States Nickel Company,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of this date, offering to supply screened shot nickel to the United States Mint at Denver at the rate of $0.44 per pound. A lower offer having been received, your tender is declined.

Please accept my appreciation of your courtesy in sending this bid, nevertheless.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1920.

The International Nickel Company,
Wall Street Exchange Building,
43 Exchange Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your proposal of March 27th to furnish ten (10) tons of screened shot nickel to the United States Mint Building at Denver, Colorado, at $0.42 per pound, is hereby accepted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1920.

Mr. J. R. Oettinger,
C/o Oettinger Lumber Company,
Greensboro, N. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 26th, I beg to advise that if you will forward the specimen you have to the United States Assay Office, New York City, an assay will be made for gold and silver at one dollar, and for lead, tin, zinc, antimony, etc., at one dollar for each determination.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1920.

Dr. J. H. G. Grimaud,
224a Broadway,
Hannibal, Mo.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 25th, I beg to advise you that dental scrap, in quantities approximating one hundred dollars and over in value, will be received at the United States Mint in New Orleans and the gold and silver content only will be paid for after the value has been determined by melt and assay. Charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1920.

Mr. E. R. Keller,
Room 122 Agriculture Building,
College of Agriculture,
Columbia, Mo.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 23rd and have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, which covers all the data available to this Bureau upon the subjects mentioned in your letter.

For further information, I would suggest that you obtain a copy of the Report of the Comptroller of the Currency by addressing that officer at the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1920.

Mr. F. W. Chase,
Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston,
53 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 26th, I beg to advise you that the book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at $1.00 per copy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1920.

Mr. J. B. Schmeltz,
1231 Grand Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 25th, I beg to advise you that there is no place in Washington where gold deposits are received by the Government. The Mint at New Orleans will receive the old gold you have in quantities approximating one hundred dollars in value and over. The Mints or Assay Offices do not pay for deposits with gold coin but by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1920.

Mr. J. H. Underwood,
No. 26, Kent's Hill,
Maine.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 25th, I beg to advise that there was mailed to you today, under separate cover, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919.

A book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at $1.00 per copy. The book contains the names of the different designers of coins. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

I am unable to advise you where you could obtain a copy of Hickcox's "American Coinage".

Crosby's "Early American Coinage" was published by the author in 1875 and I doubt if you would be able to readily find a copy outside of a reference library.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1920.

Mr. Carl Owens,
629 North Main Street,
Delphos, Ohio.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 27th, I beg to advise you that no silver dollars have been coined since 1904. The silver dollar contains 371.25 grains of puresilver. Two silver half-dollars contain 347.22 grains of pure silver.

Silver and gold dollars are both legal tender for one hundred cents and are at par in this country.

I am enclosing a copy of Treasury Department Circular No. 52, which gives general information relative to coins and paper money.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1920.

Mrs. R. E. Pfeiffer,

257 Woodland Avenue,

Columbus, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of March 24th, stating that you have a quantity of silver scrap on hand, I beg to advise that if you will forward the same to the United States Assay Office, New York City, it will be received and the silver content paid for at the market price of silver on the day deposited. Silver today is worth approximately $1.26 a fine ounce, but, as you are aware, this rate changes daily.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1920.

Honorable Jerome F. Donovan,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Donovan:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 29th, endorsing the application of Mr. Burt G. Shields of the New York Assay Office, who has filed application for the position of Superintendent of the Refinery of that institution.

Your letter will be called to the attention of the Director on his return from the West next Monday, when I am sure it will give him pleasure to give the recommendation from you his most cordial consideration.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1920.

Mr. Ray Flint,
Stuart,
Va.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 29th, I beg to advise that if you will forward a specimen of the ore you have to the United States Mint at New Orleans an assay will be made for gold and silver at one dollar, and for iron, lead, copper, zinc, antimony, etc., at one dollar for each determination.

A specimen should approximate in weight about five pounds to permit of a satisfactory assay.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1920.

G. Amsinck & Co., Inc.,
90 - 96 Wall Street,
New York City.

Attention of Mr. J. M. Ramos.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of March 30th, I beg to state the metals for the proposed coinage for Colombia would have to be supplied to the Mint by you. We would not undertake to supply these metals.

Delivery of the coinage would be at the United States Mint building, Denver, Colorado. If pressure for domestic coinage is not too great, it would be possible for the Mint at Denver to coin approximately one hundred thousand pieces of these coins a day. It is understood that this number would be executed only if no domestic coinage was required of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1920.

Reliable Refining Co.,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

May I refer to letter of this office dated January 30, 1920, requesting information as to the consumption of gold and silver in the industries of the United States during the calendar year 1919.

Replies have been received from most of the firms addressed at that time and I trust that it will be convenient for you to let me have the information requested at an early date. The information is treated as confidential and is used only in compilation of totals for statistical purposes.

A copy of the form forwarded with letter of January 30th is enclosed herewith for your use, in case the forms previously forwarded have been mislaid.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 1, 1920.

Rev. A. R. Bird,
The Church of the Pilgrims,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter addressed to the U. S. Mint, City, has been delivered to this Bureau. There is no mint in Washington, the nearest mint being at Philadelphia. I am returning your letter with the advise that no one named John Skinner is employed in this Bureau.

Regretting that we can not be of assistance to you, I am,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 1, 1920.

Mr. J. A. Murphy,
Chief Clerk,
First National Bank,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 29th, relative to the twenty-five cent piece, you are advised that there are two types of this coin in circulation. Congress authorized a slight modification of the original piece, which permitted the stars to be placed in a different position. The first type had the stars grouped around the coin in a semi-circle and the second type had three stars under the eagle. The design with the stars under the eagle is the one now used exclusively in the manufacture of the twenty-five cent piece.

Many thousand of the original type were put into circulation before the change was made in the die. Both, of course, are legal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 1, 1920.

The Third Assistant
Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $300.30 for manufacture of thirty stamped envelope dies for Hartford Machine, ordered by you November 14, 1919.

Please cause the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriations for the Mint at Philadelphia as indicated on face of voucher.

Copy of your order and receipts for delivery of the dies are attached.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,
Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 2, 1920.

Mr. John W. Adams,
Central Indiana Hospital,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 31st, I beg to advise you that the Government does not purchase platinum. During the war the Government invited deposits of platinum which were converted into material to be used for war munitions, but the supply on hand is now sufficient to meet such needs and we have no funds with which to purchase platinum.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 1, 1920.

Mr. J. R. Hinman,
Box 435,
Jerome, Arizona.

Sir:-

Your letter of March 25th, addressed to the U. S. Assay Office, Washington, D. C., has been delivered to this Bureau, but it contained no sample of ore.

I am returning, herewith, your letter so that you may see the condition it was in when received at this office.

There is no place in Washington where tests are made by the Government for the public. If you will forward a specimen of the ore you have to the United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, an assay will be made for gold and silver at one dollar, and for lead, copper, tin, zinc, antimony, etc., at one dollar for each determination. The specimen should approximate five pounds in weight to permit of a satisfactory assay.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 2, 1920.

Honorable Everett Sanders,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 1st, enclosing a communication from Mr. Fred Overpeck relative to a silver coin bearing the date of 1869, and regret to advise you that there are no coins of that year's mintage in the Treasury or in the mints. I am unable to advise you where one could be procured.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 2, 1920.

Miss Marie Alix,
10 Girard Place,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Miss Alix:

Replying to your letter of March 30th, you are advised that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at one dollar per copy.

With reference to your inquiry as to the names "Americus" and "Columbia" as applied to the head which appears on the ten cent piece of 1901, I beg to state that the law distinctly provides that a device emblematic of Liberty shall appear upon the coin.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1920.

Honorable John A. Peters,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Peters:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 1st and also, under separate cover, the two new designs for the centennial half dollar prepared in behalf of the State of Maine by a Committee and embodying the suggestions previously made.

The designs have been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of that institution has been instructed to submit the same to the Engraver of the Mint for report.

In anticipation of the coinage being authorized, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to forward to this Bureau an estimate of the actual cost of preparing the master dies, the bill providing "That the Government shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage." Immediately upon receipt of this information the same will be submitted to you.

Respectfully,

M. W. Taulby

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1920.

The International Nickel Company,
43 Exchange Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Will you please render this bill on the enclosed form and forward same to the Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1920.

The Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena. That officer has been authorized to allow the Prohibition Director to utilize the unused space in the Assay Office in that city for office purposes. The Assayer in Charge has been advised that his contingent fund can not be used for the purpose of erecting the shelving which he proposes in this letter, and he has suggested that the matter be forwarded to you for such action as you see fit to take.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

(C O P Y)

UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE AT HELENA,

Assayer in Charge

March 25, 1920.

Supervising Architect Treas. Dept.,
Through regular channels.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith a proposal for certain shelves required by Mr. L. K. Devlin, the Prohibition Director whose office is in this building.

This is urgently needed; there are no shelves at present in this vault and his papers are piled on the floor. The price appears reasonable and therefore I would respectfully recommend that this expenditure be authorized.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Herbert Goodall

Custodian.

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(COPY)

Helena, Montana,
March 25, 1920.

Mr. L. K. Devlin,
Assay Building, Broadway,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:-

I will furnish and put in shelves, on the North and South end, and East side, 4 shelves high and about 14 inches apart, in the vault and one shelve under the counter.

Work will be done in a workman like manner for thirty-eight dollars ($38.00).

(Signed) Thos. S. Rodgers.

102 Bluff St.,
Helena, Montana.

R-M.

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April 5, 1920.

Mr. Gordon L. Willis,
Cashier,
The Third National Bank,
Pittsfield, Mass.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 1st, I beg to advise you that the coinage of a Plymouth commemorative coin has not as yet been authorized.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1920.

Mr. C. H. Kerr,
American Optical Company,
Southbridge, Mass.

Sir:-

Your letter of March 30th, addressed to the Bureau of Standards requesting samples of gold alloyed with known amounts of silver and copper to be used as material for checking assay work , has been forwarded to this office.

I regret that we are not in position to supply you with the material requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1920.

Honorable John A. Peters,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Peters:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 3rd, enclosing an inscription taken from the Resolves of Maine of the State seal.

The inscription has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia for the use of the Engraver in connection with the die work for the proposed centennial half dollar for the State of Maine.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1920.

Honorable Miles Poindexter,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Poindexter:

I am returning, herewith, the letter of Mr. Chester Bethel, enclosed in your letter of April 3rd.

I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to Mr. Bethel a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, the last issued.

With reference to the request for a Government publication showing illustrations of different United States coins, I beg to state that the only publication of the kind is the " Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia", which is sold by the Superintendent of Documents at one dollar a copy. I regret that we have no copies of this book for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1920.

Honorable John A. Peters,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Peters:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 5th, enclosing a letter from Mr. Harry Cochrane, who made the designs for the proposed Maine centennial half dollar. The letter will be forwarded immediately to the Mint at Philadelphia for the attention of the Engraver in connection with the preparation of the dies as soon as the coin is authorized.

In reply to your statement that you intend to propose an amendment to the Bill doubling the number of coins and requesting an estimate on that also, in case it should be accomplished, I beg to state that the initial cost of the master die will be the only charge, regardless of the number of coins to be manufactured.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1920.

Honorable Fred S. Purnell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Purnell:

I am returning, herewith, the communication from Mr. William E. White, enclosed in your letter of April 3rd, and in reply I beg to advise you that the Government pays no premium on any issues of coins, and publishes no pamphlet giving the values placed upon them by collectors.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1920.

United States Guarantee Co.,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 5th, I beg to state that Mr. William Margolis voluntarily resigned as Helper in the United States Assay Office at New York on March 20, 1920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1920.

The Auditor
for the Treasury Department.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding letter of the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office dated April 2, 1920, concerning differences in the Superintendent's accounts in the sums of $2.16 and $6.78, total $8.94.

It appears that C. Ds. Nos. 43 and 44 were issued in April and May 1919 to place the sums in question to the credit of the Superintendent's checking account. These amounts are included in the balance of appropriation funds standing to the credit of the Superintendent at the end of September 1919 and were covered into the Treasury by C. D. 574, dated September 29, 1919. It will, therefore, be unnecessary for the Superintendent of the Assay Office to take further action in the matter as advised in your letter of March 31, 1920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.

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THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

Contingent Expenses, U. S. Mint at San Francisco, 1920.

Remington Typewriter Company,

Washington, D. C. April 6 20

S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

1 Remington typewriter No. 11-C, 360
Keyboard, type No. 3, letter space per
inch 12, numbers No. 2, fractions No. 1.

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1920.

Mr. Joseph Gumm,
145 East Main St.,
Jackson, Mich.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 3rd, I beg to advise you that the package containing old gold was received at this office and forwarded to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

R. P. Roper

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1920.

Mr. Harry B. Hoover,
324 Haynes Street,
Johnstown, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, I beg to state that the "Lafayette Dollar" was coined under the authority granted by an Act of Congress dated May 3, 1899. They were supposed to be purchased by the children of this country at a premium, the proceeds of which were to pay for the erection of a monument to Lafayette in the city of Paris.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1920.

Mr. C. H. Baker,
16 Charles Street,
Concord, N. H.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter, addressed to Honorable John Burke, Treasurer of the United States, I regret to advise you that there are no fifty dollar gold pieces in the Treasury or in the Mints. The fifty dollar gold pieces authorized by Congress for the Panama-Pacific Exposition were sold by the Exposition Company at $100 each. The Department did not dispose of any of these coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1920.

United States Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of March 22nd, stating that the designation of Mr. Theodore H. Saal had been changed from Skilled Workman to Clerk, effective January 16, 1920, I beg to say that this Bureau was in error as Mr. Saal's designation was changed from Clerk to Skilled Workman.

With reference to your letter of April 6th, I beg to state that this office is without authority to terminate the liability of your company under the bonds of Mr. Theodore H. Saal as Skilled Workman and Mr. Diedrich H. Schroeder as Helper in the United States Assay Office in New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1920.

Honorable Clifford Ireland,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Ireland:

Replying to your letter of April 7th, making inquiry in regard to your letter of March 8th asking for information concerning this Bureau, I beg to state that under instructions from the Secretary's Office your letter of March 8th was referred to the Chief Clerk of the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1920.

Rev. John R. Mahony,
Rector,
Church of St. Rose of Lima,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 6th, addressed to the Honorable Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President, has been referred to this Bureau.

The position of Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department of the New York Assay Office has been given to Mr. Wagor, who for many years was Superintendent of the Refinery in the United States Mint at San Francisco.

Should an opportunity present itself to promote Mr. Shea, I shall take pleasure in referring to your letter, which will be placed on file in the Department for reference.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1920.

Mr. Theodore Stames,
Box 131,
Mattson, Miss.

Sir:-

I am returning, herewith, the specimen of metal enclosed in your letter of March 30th, referred to this office by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, and beg to advise you that a visual examination of the metal indicates that it is copper, having no particular value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 9, 1920.

Mr. J. H. Underwood,
No. 26, Kent's Hill,
Maine.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing a check for one dollar in payment for a copy of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia". I am returning, herewith, the check and beg to request that a money order be forwarded by you to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1920.

Honorable John A. Peters,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Peters:

I am enclosing, herewith, the sketch of the proposed centennial coin for the State of Maine. The designs appear to be in conformity with the law and should the bill be passed I shall take pleasure in causing the formal approval to be given to the design and instructions will be issued immediately for the preparation of the dies at the Mint at Philadelphia.

The Superintendent reports that the estimated cost of preparing the master die for this piece would be $500. The cost of the working dies would be included in this amount regardless of the number required to execute whatever amount of coinage may be authorized.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1920.

Honorable Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman,
Committee on Coinage, Weigts and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington D. C.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 5th, enclosing a copy of H. R. 13262 (To prohibit the destruction of gold and subsidiary silver coins of the United States, etc.) .

Replying I beg to state that Sub-Division B, Section 25 of the Act known as the "Trading with the Enemy Act", Approved September 24, 1918, provides, "That the President may investigate, regulate or prohibit * * * any transaction in foreign exchange and the export, hoarding, mutilating or ear-marking of gold or silver coin or bullion or currency * * * ".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1920.

Mrs. L. C. Philbrick,
La Grange, Ga.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I regret that I am not able to advise you in regard to the "Washington Dollar" about which you inquire.

Silver coin of the United States which has been mutilated by fire will be redeemed by the Treasurer of the United States if the same can readily be identified as genuine coin. Such money should be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

If the coin has been so badly burned as to make it impossible to identify the same, the metal will be purchased at its bullion value only.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 10,1920.

Mr. E. P. Mizinski,
Depositors State Bank,
4633 South Ashland Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 5th, I beg to advise you that the Department issues no formula for detecting counterfit money, neither has it any publication covering the melting of gold and silver. The Government issues no premium list on coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1920.

Mr. W. W. Stevens,
White Oak Mineral Wells,
Macon, Ga.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of April 8th, I beg to advise you that silver is purchased at the market price, which is today about $1.26 per fine ounce, but, as you are aware, this rate changes daily.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1920.

The Register of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $36.00 for manufacture of 36 copper counters, per your order of November 25, 1919, copy attached. The voucher is also supported by your receipt for delivery of the articles.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1920	$28.80
Contingent Expenses, " " " "	7.20
Total	$36.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.

April 12, 1920.

Mrs. B. B. Munford,
503 East Grace St.,
Richmond, Va.

My dear Mrs. Munford:

Your bill covering expenses while attending the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission at Philadelphia has been received, and I regret to advise you that through some mistake it has been prepared on the wrong form. I am enclosing, herewith, the proper form with the request that the voucher be prepared in duplicate and that the items be listed on the reverse side of form.

Please have oath or affirmation executed and upon return of the voucher to this office it will be placed in line for early settlement.

Regretting the necessity of thus troubling you, I am,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.

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April 12, 1920.

Mr. George L. Stackfield,
Dixon,
Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I beg to advise you that no silver dollars have been coined since 1904.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 12, 1920.

Honorable Joseph S. Frelinghuysen,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 10th, in behalf of Mr. Charles A. Schauwecker, who desires to be appointed Superintendent of the Refinery of the United States Assay Office at New York.

Replying I beg to state that Mr. E. J. Wager, the Superintendent of the Refinery of the United States Mint at San Francisco, has been transferred to the New York Assay Office to fill the position made vacant by the death of Mr. Wirth.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1920.

Mr. George Brereton;
8 Baldwin Place,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of April 9th, I beg to advised you that the United States Assay Office at New York will purchase gold scrap in quantities approximating $100 in value and over, and pay for the same at the rate of $20.67 per ounce, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage.

Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1920.

Miss N. Schell,
Ransom, Kansas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant you are advised that there are two types of quarter dollars of the new designs in circulation. The design now being used is that with the three stars under the eagle. Congress authorized a slight modification in the designs as first issued, for the purpose of improving the artistic merits of the piece. Both types are, of course, legal. There are many thousands of the first design, with the stars on each side of the coin, now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(C O P Y)

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT.

Washington D.C.

April 12, 1920.

The Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Reference is made to your communication of the 27th ultimo, transmitting a letter of the 24th ultimo from the Superintendent of the Mint, Denver, Colo., in which he requests the installation of a lookout gallery in the silver-cell room, gold-cell room, and refinery melting room of that building, and also the installation of three drinking fountains to take the place of the ice coolers now in use in the building.

There is no appropriation under control of this office that would be available for the installation of the desired lookout galleries, and this work can not therefore be undertaken in the absence of special legislation therefor.

Superintendent Whitted, with headquarters at the Denver Post Office, will be instructed to obtain and forward proposals for the drinking fountains requested.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Jas. A. Wetmore,

Acting Supervising Architect.

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Office of the Director of the Mint,
April 13, 1920.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, for his information.

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1920.

Mr. M. W. E. Park,
Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 29th, relative to the twenty-five cent piece, you are advised that there are two types of this coin in circulation. Congress authorized a slight change of the original piece by the Act approved July 9, 1917, authorizing "a modification of the design on the current quarter for the purpose of improving the artistic merits of the coin". The first type had the stars grouped around the coin in a semi-circle and the second type had three stars under the eagle. The design with the stars under the eagle is the one now used exclusively in the manufacture of the twenty-five cent piece.

Many thousand of the original type were put into circulation before the change was made in the die. Both, of course, are legal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1920.

Mr. Sandie Page,
Rogonville,
Jasper Co., Texas.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 6th, I beg to advise you that the Government does not purchase metal in the form of ore.

If you will forward a sample of the ore you have to the United States Mint at New Orleans, an assay for gold and silver will be made at one dollar, and for copper, lead, tin, antimony etc., at one dollar for each determination. The sample should approximate about five pounds in weight in order to permit of a satisfactory assay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1920.

Mr. J. A. Fergerson,
Covington,
Tennessee.

Sir:

I am returning, herewith, the coin forwarded to this Bureau on April 9th and beg to advise you that the Government does not redeem mutilated coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1920.

Committee on Economic Research,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry of the tenth instant, I beg to advise that a preliminary estimate of $67,593,000 has been made as being the approximate value of gold bars used in the domestic arts during the calendar year 1919. The final estimate has not yet been made and will not be available for some time. No information is now available as to what proportion of this is new gold, nor as to foreign consumption.

In estimating the industrial consumption, various items are involved and it would not be safe to use the value of bars sold, less the value of foreign exports.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1920.

Mr. Eugene Mancinelli,
1018 South Halsted Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the package containing gold "kings".

As there is no place in Washington where the Government handles such material for the public, it has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1920.

Honorable Albert H. Vestal,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 12th, enclosing a letter from Mr. L. D. Felton of Muncie, Indiana. Replying, I beg to state that the Treasury Department does not keep on hand a collection of old coins. I regret, therefore, that we can not supply specimens to Mr. Felton.

When foreign coins are received at the offices of the Treasury, they are melted and purchased as bullion.

The letter of Mr. Felton is returned to you, herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1920.

Freight Auditor,
A. T. & S. F. Railway Co.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Sir:

With reference to your inquiry of the 9th instant, I beg to advise that your bill No. 29597 for $2.58 was forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for settlement on October 17, 1919.

The Auditor is very much behind in his work but is settling bills in the order in which they are received, and you will doubtless receive notice of settlement of this bill in due time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.

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April 14, 1920.

The Commandant,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint in the sum of $268.30 for the manufacture of 30 silver life saving medals, per order of Assistant Secretary dated January 6, 1920, copy enclosed. The bill is also supported by receipt for the medals.

Kindly cause transfer settlement to be made crediting the following amounts to the appropriations indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1920	$101.76
Contingent Expenses, " " " "	166.54

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 14, 1920.

Mr. John F. Galvin,
109 Waterville St.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Sir:-

I am returning, herewith, the coin enclosed in your letter of recent date, the same being not redeemable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1920.

Mr. R. H. Adams,
1206 East 55th St.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 9th, you are advised that the designs of the gold coins were changed in 1907-08. The one cent piece was changed in 1909.

There is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., a "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" which gives all the changes made in coins since the beginning of coinage. This volume is sold for one dollar a copy and may be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1920.

Honorable John E. Raker,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Raker:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 14th, relative to H. R. 13201. Replying, I take pleasure in enclosing, herewith, a copy of the report made by a committee appointed by former Secretary of the Treasury, the Honorable William G. McAdoo, covering this subject.

As far as I am aware, no new matter has since been presented to the Department and I am not in a position to state the attitude of the Department toward the pending bill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 16, 1920.

Mr. W. H. Allen,
396 Fenimore Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 15th, referring to figures appearing in the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, relative to the total stock of gold in the United States, I beg to advise you that all possible allowance was made in computing the figures referred to by you.

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of the Treasurer's daily statement for April 14th, the last issued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 16, 1920.

Mr. Charles A. Love,
217 Mercantile Block,
Aurora, Ill.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 14th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at St. Louis was closed several years ago.

If you will forward a specimen of the ore you have to the United States Assay Office at New Orleans, the Assayer in Charge of that institution will make assays for gold and silver at one dollar, and for copper, tin, zinc, antimony, etc., at one dollar for each determination. A specimen should approximate about five pounds in weight in order to permit or a satisfactory assay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1920.

Mr. G. H. Clevenger,
C/o Congress Hotel,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 12th, stating that your assistant, Mr. Schissler, and yourself expect to go West and desire to visit the Mints at Denver and San Francisco, I beg to advise you that the Mints in those cities are open to visitors and the respective Superintendents will take pleasure in extending to you every courtesy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1920.

Mr. C. Danziger,
Charles Ilfeld Company,
Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 9th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will purchase silver in quantities approximating one hundred dollars or over in value, and pay for the same at the market price, after the value has been determined by melt and assay. Charges for fitting the material are deducted and payment made by check on the Treasurer of the United States. The market price of silver was $1.19 on the 13th of April, but the price, as you know, changes slightly each day.

Gold is paid for at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1920.

Mr. A. N. Miller,
P. O. Box 443,
Junction City, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of April 12th, you are advised that only one type of half dollar was coined in 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 15, 1920.

Mr. William Merrill Chester,
First Wisconsin National Bank,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 9th, the Mint has on hand dies of a simple wreath on a disk. This design may not be suitable for a prize medal.

Gold medals would cost at the rate of $20.67 an ounce for the gold contained, aside from the cost of striking the medal, which would be nominal. The Mint could submit a specimen in bronze which would give you an idea of the diameter and thickness of the medal that the amount of gold indicated by you would produce. In this manner you could get an idea of the appearance of a medal which could be made from the dies on hand at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1920.

Mr. B. L. Wilson,
807 West 5th Avenue,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 3rd, you are advised that the Act of March 3, 1873, commonly known as the "Coinage Act", is still on the statute books, several sections, however, having been amended from time to time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1920.

Mr. A. Swartz,
Assistant Manager Railways,
The Toledo Railways & Light Co.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 13th, relative to the diameter of the 1920 dime, I beg to advise you that when the change was made in the design of the dime, every consideration was given to the dimensions of the coin and the strictest possible care taken that the coin should not deviate in diameter from the dime of the former design. The interests of the slot machine and coin register devices were carefully taken into consideration before the dies were accepted. The coins have been issued for the last four years and the Department has not been advised of any difficulty with slot machines on account of the size of this coin, up to this time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1920.

Mr. Chester T. Kenman,
Pacific Hotel,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of April 11th, I beg to advise you that no gold coins have been made since 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 19, 1920.

National Surety Company,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Section of Surety Bonds, Treasury Department, I beg to advise you that Mr. Eugene C. Wilson is still employed as Watchman in the United States Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1920.

Miss E. W. Anderson,
1031 Fourth Avenue,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of April 15th, I take pleasure in enclosing, herewith, a copy of the Treasurer's Daily Statement for April 16th.

On January 12th, 1920, silver reached its highest point, which was $1.37. The bullion value of the silver dollar was, at that rate, $1. 0596.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1920.

Litwin & Sons,
521 Richmond Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 17th, I beg to advise you that the United States Assay Office at New York will accept gold and silver scrap and filings and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States. Gold is bought at the rate of $20.67 an ounce and silver at the current market price on the day the deposit is made.

The United States Assay Office will not receive platinum, and can not make allowance for platinum contained in gold and silver deposits.

Respectfully,

M. W. Taussig

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1920.

Goldsmith Brothers,
Heyworth Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

This office has not yet received data concerning the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1919, requested under date of January 26, 1920, and I am writing to ask if you will not favor us by forwarding same at an early date.

Copy of the letter forwarded at that time, also copy of blank forwarded with the above mentioned letter are enclosed herewith for your use, in case those previously forwarded have been mislaid.

Again thanking you for your cooperation in the past and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1920.

Granby Consolidated M. S. & Power Co., Ltd.,

Grand Forks, British Colombia.

Gentlemen:

This office has not yet received data concerning the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1919, requested under date of January 26, 1920, and I am writing to ask if you will not favor us by forwarding same at an early date.

Copy of the letter forwarded at that time, also copy of blank forwarded with the above mentioned letter are enclosed herewith for your use, in case those previously forwarded have been mislaid.

Again thanking you for your cooperation in the past and anticipating an early reply, I am,

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1920.

Mr. A. Van Wie Ingham,
26 Union Street,
New Brunswick, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 17th, I have taken pleasure in causing to be forwarded to you today a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, which gives all the statistics available.

For information covering the subject of coins, I beg to state that the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, has for sale a book entitled "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia", which is sold for one dollar a copy. I regret that we have not a supply of this catalogue for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 20, 1920.

Goldsman & Lazar,
135 Seneca Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The gold "King" forwarded by you to the "United States Assay Office" has been delivered to this Bureau. As there is no place in Washington where such material is purchased by the Government, it has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York. The Superintendent of that institution will remit the value of the same to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1920.

J. L. Anthony & Company,
161 Dorrance Street,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

Your letters of April 17th and 19th, enclosing samples Nos. 1 and 2 and Nos. 3 and 4, respectively, together with your two checks, have been received and forwarded to the United States Mint at New Orleans, as there is no place in Washington where this work is done for the public. The Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans will make report to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1920.

Honorable John E. Raker,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Raker:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 17th, asking for copies of certain reports on gold production referred to in the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, addressed to you under date of February 11, 1919.

A copy of the report of the Committee to the American Gold Conference at Reno could be obtained by addressing the Secretary to the Governor of Nevada, Honorable Emmett Boyle, Carson City, Nevada.

A copy of the report of the committee appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, dated October 30, 1918, might be obtained by addressing the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines.

I regret that I am not able to advise you where a copy of the report, dated November 29, 1918, by the Gold Production Committee appointed by the Commissioners of the British Treasury could be obtained, unless by addressing the Chancery of the British Embassy in this city.

I regret that there are no extra copies of these reports at our disposal.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1920.

Honorable John F. Miller,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Miller:

Replying to your letter of April 20th, I beg to state that Section 3519, R. S., provides "That any owner of gold bullion may deposit the same at any mint to be formed into coin or bars for his benefit."

The law further provides that gold bars may be exchanged in quantities valued at $5,000 and over. Gold bars are sold at the rate of $20.67 a fine ounce. Deposits received for exchange in fine bars are melted, assayed, the value determined, charges sufficient to cover the cost to the Government in treating the metal imposed, and the balance returned to the depositor in the form of bars, if desired.

During the fiscal year 1919, approximately $67,593,000.00 worth of gold was sold by the institutions of the Mint Service for industrial purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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Washington, April 22, 1920.

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New York, N. Y.

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ay. Wiring him to confer with representative IndoChina and Superin-

t Mint San Francisco regarding coinage. Upon receiving his report

advise you.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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ASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2/23.

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April 22, 1920.

Mr. E. A. Julian,
805 Crocker Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Mr. Julian:

Your letter of March 6th, addressed to Mr. Baker during his absence in the West, has been sent by him to the Bureau for attention.

The preliminary estimate reached by this Bureau, covering the amount of gold used in the arts, gives $67,593,000 as the approximate amount disposed of by the institutions of the Mint Service for commercial purposes.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1920.

Mr. William M. Chester,
First Wisconsin National Bank Bldg.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 19th, enclosing a draft for ten dollars covering the cost of striking off a specimen bronze medal. Your letter, together with draft, has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of that institution requested to communicate with you directly. The Superintendent will be very glad to give you all the information available and such assistance as he has at his command in regard to working out the proposition you have in mind.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1920.

Mr. Benito Salamea,
Vice President,
Junta de Conversion,
Bogata, Colombia.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 27th, referring to your letters of April and May 1919, requesting copies of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", I beg to state that no new edition has been issued since the copy was forwarded to you.

Replying to your inquiry as to the furnaces used in the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to state that at the present time the Rennerfeldt Electric Furnace is being operated successfully. The agents for this furnace are Hamilton & Hansell, Inc., New York City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1920.

The First National Bank,
Burkburnett, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Your package, containing burnt money, addressed to the "Treasury Department" has been delivered to this office. The package has been forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the Superintendent of that institution will remit the bullion value of same to you by check on the Treasurer of the United States. Coins thus mutilated has bullion value only.

Respectfully,

M. McRaelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1920.

Wardman Park Hotel,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing, herewith, postal money order for $9.69, covering the account of Honorable Raymond T. Baker.

Please return receipt.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Secretary.

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April 23, 1920.

Mr. Mark Thistlethwaite,
Secretary to the Vice President,
The Vice President's Chamber,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of April 6th, addressed to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, enclosing a photographic reproduction of a bronze medallion, was forwarded to this Bureau for reply, and the following is submitted:

The medal in question was struck in the early part of 1863. For what Lodge it was struck this department has never been able to ascertain. In that year there was an important celebration at Newburgh, N. Y. wherein Washington had headquarters in the Hasbrouck House near the close of the war, but whether the medal was produced for a Lodge at that place it has not been possible, upt to the present date, to ascertain.

The medal is found in collections of several collections of Masonic medals and erroneously attributed to the Alexandria Lodge.

The medal was designed by Mr. Isaac F. Wood, or New York, who was a publisher of medals; that is, he had a die-sinking establishment in New York and produced a great many medals. He also designed medals, as in the present instance.

The medal was engraved by Mr. George H. Lovett, of Brooklyn, who was the engraver of a great many medals, including numerous issues of Washington medals. Mr. Lovett died in New York in 1894, aged seventy years. The medal is not very rare.

Respectfully,

M. Th. Price

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1920.

Mrs. Jennie Dewey Heath,
President,
National Housewives League, Inc.,
327 West 101st Street,
New York City.

Madam:

Your letter of April 21st, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred by him to this office, for attention. Your letter has been read with much interest and will be placed on file to be referred to in case the Congress initiates legislation providing for a one-half cent piece. No recommendation to this effect has been made by this department.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1920.

Mr. William R. Tucker,
Secretary and Assistant Treasurer,
Philadelphia Board of Trade,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 21st, relative to a Bill (H. R. 13262) recently introduced by Mr. McFadden, "To prohibit the destruction of gold and subsidiary silver coins", I beg to state that Sub-Division B, Section 25 of the Act known as the "Trading with the Enemy Act", approved September 24, 1918, provides, "That the President may investigate, regulate or prohibit* * * any transaction in foreign exchange and the export, hoarding, mutilating or ear-marking of gold or silver coin or bullion or currency* * *".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1920.

Honorable Clifford Ireland,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Ireland:

Replying to your letter of March 8th, requesting detailed information as to the activities and functions of this Bureau, I beg to submit the following:

(1) (2) The Bureau of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

(3) The Director of the Mint has general supervision of all the mints and assay offices of the United States. He prescribes the rules, to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the transaction of business at the mints and assay offices, receives daily reports of their operations, directs the coinage to be executed, reviews the accounts, authorizes all expenditures, superintends the annual settlements of the several institutions, and makes special examinations of them when deemed necessary. All appointments, removals, and transfers in the mints and assay offices are subject to his approval.

Tests of the weight and fineness of coins struck at the mints are made in the assay laboratory under his charge. He publishes quarterly an estimate of the value of the standard coins of foreign countries for customhouse and other public purposes. An annual report is prepared by the director, giving the operations of the mint service for the fiscal year, and giving the statistics of the production of the precious metals in the United States and the world for the calendar year.

(4) Thirteen.

(5) Total monthly pay roll about $2,195.

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(6) Covered in answer to No. 3

(7) Three mints; eight assay offices; located as follows: Mints: Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco; Assay Offices: New York, New Orleans, Carson City, Salt Lake City, Helena, Boise, Deadwood, and Seattle.

(8) About 950.

(9) Inquiries relating to coinage, production of precious metals, value of foreign coins, the silver market, questions of metallurgy, etc.

(10) Through the Office of the Director of the Mint.

(11) Information included in reply to question No. 3.

(12) Any information covering the activities of Mints and Assay Offices indicated above.

(13) Act of April 1, 1873.

(14)

	Personnel	Deposits	Coinage (Pieces)
1873	538	$ 72,000,000	32,500,000
1919	950	257,000,000	537,000,000

	Institutions	Earnings	Expenses
1873	8	$ 576,249	$1,085,438
1919	11	11,850,170	2,144,413

(15) No overlapping.

(16) Not to the knowledge of this Bureau.

(17) A copy of the last annual report is enclosed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1920.

Mr. Robert H. Leach,
Assistant Manager,
Handy & Harman,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 23rd, inadvertently addressed to Mr. Newton D. Baker instead of to Mr. Raymond T. Baker. Reference is made to this merely for the purpose of avoiding delay, which might result in having your mail reach this office in future.

Responding to your request, I have taken pleasure in forwarding your letter to Mr. Joyce, Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, with the request that every possible assistance be given to you in regard to obtaining plans and sketches of the pouring table with moulds, now in use at that institution. This device was planned at the Mint and I am sure that the Superintendent will be glad to extend any assistance to you in procuring a duplicate, should you desire to do so.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1920.

Mr. Norman S. Griffith,
Corner of Grove Avenue & Village St.,
Johnstown, Pa.

Sir:

Your package containing dental scrap has been received and forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York City, as there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government. The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office will remit to you the value of the deposit, after deducting charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1920.

Reverend J. N. Carroll,
Route #2,
Bybee, Tenn.

Sir:-

I am enclosing, herewith, a card which gives the schedule of prices for assaying ores.

I would suggest that the quantity required for a satisfactory assay is about five pounds. The United States Mint at New Orleans would be the most convenient station to which to ship ore.

Respectfully,

W. McPaile

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1920.

Mr. Charles Gammon,
C/o The Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:-

Herewith find Assay Report No. 116, pertaining to your accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1920, for your signature and return to this office.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1920.

Mr. F. H. Henelman,
Ward Line,
New York & Cuba Mail SS. Company,
Foot of Wall Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that this office has no knowledge of any statistics having been issued by the Treasury Department of the nature referred to in your letter of April 23rd.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

April 27, 1920.

Mr. Henry Hellman,
159 West 25th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that this office has no knowledge of any statistics having been issued by the Treasury Department of the natura referred to in your letter of April 23rd.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1920.

Mr. L. R. McNealy,
Walkers School,
Bulls Gap, Tenn.

Sir:

I have your letter of April 22nd, requesting a series of reports of this office. Under date of April 26th, a copy of the Report for the fiscal year 1919, the last published, was sent to you. I regret that we have not on hand copies of all of the issues that you request.

I would suggest that you address the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. That officer may possibly have in his stock copies of the back numbers of the reports that you request.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1920.

Mr. A. Racines Villaveces,
Buenaventura,
Colombia, S. A.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 10th, I beg to state that the word "Bullion" is not applied by this Bureau to coin shipments. In shipping gold coin the invoice bears the words "Gold Coin", and when shipping gold bullion the same is indicated by the term "Gold Bullion".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1920.

The Registrar,
Finance Department,
Government of India,
Delhi.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt this day of a copy of the publication entitled "Statistics compiled from the Finance & Revenue Accounts of the Government of India, from the 18th of April, 1910, to the 31st of March, 1918". It gives me pleasure to say that the publication is of great service to this Bureau and we are desirous of receiving future issues.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1920.

Honorable James L. Wilmeth,
Director of the Bureau of Engraving
and Printing,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 24th, enclosing a small sample of copper-nickel facings of electrotypes. The material has been examined by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and he reports that the metal contained in the facings is not suitable for coinage purposes. The specimen is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1920.

Mr. Fred P. Cutter,
1210 North Illi. Street,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of April 25th, I beg to advise you that the late President Roosevelt did not recommend that the motto "In God We Trust" be left off of our coins. During President Roosevelt's administration the designs of the gold coins were changed, in accordance with the law which permits that new designs may be issued in every twenty-five years. The designs accepted at the time did not bear the motto and this was by special Act of Congress later restored.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1920.

My dear Mr. Valdés:

I am today in receipt of a copy of your letter of February 23rd, at which time you forwarded to this Bureau two sets of coins, one for Mr. Baker and one for me. The coins reached this Bureau promptly, and have been laid in the safe pending the return of Mr. Baker from San Francisco. Mr. Baker is still in the West, at the Mint in San Francisco, and will not return to this office for several weeks.

My only excuse for the delay in acknowledging the receipt of the coins rests in the fact that I was anxious to have you receive a personal acknowledgment from the Director and have delayed writing for that reason.

I am not precluded, however, from expressing my deep appreciation of your courtesy to me and can assure you of the Director's pleasure in receiving the coins directly from you. Upon the Director's return, I shall call his attention to the coins and know that he will take great pleasure in expressing to you personally his appreciation of your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

M. M. O'Reilly

Mr. Francisco Valdés,
Director de la Casa de Moneda,
Mexico City, Mexico.

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April 28, 1920.

Mr. D. L. Higgins,
Cashier,
First National Granite Bank of Augusta,
Augusta, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 26th, I beg to advise you that the Act authorizing the coinage of a fifty cent piece, commemorating the Centennial of the State of Maine, has not yet been passed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1920.

Mr. W. J. Logus,
Managing Director,
Acme Trading Company,
223 Lyon Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 23rd, you are advised that the price paid for silver by the mints and assay offices varies each day. The New York market price yesterday was about $1.12.

Silver is purchased in various degrees of fineness, but should approximate in quantity an amount sufficient to make about one hundred dollars in value.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Memorandum for Mr. Starratt, Chief of Accounting Division.

The following list is submitted, covering the names of persons authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Superintendent or Assayer in Charge of the respective mints and assay offices:

1. T. W. H. Shanahan, San Francisco, Cal.- #15040
   (2) By E. D. Hawkins, Acting Superintendent
   (3) By L. M. Slater " "

1. Thomas Annear, Denver, Colo.- #15045
   (2) By E. P. Leech, Acting Superintendent

1. Hugh T. Rippeto, Salt Lake City, Utah.-#15049
   (2) By John L. May, Acting Assayer in Charge

1. Adam M. Joyce, Philadelphia, Pa.-#15051
   (2) By F. H. Chaffin, Acting Superintendent.
   (3) By Jacob B. Eckfeldt " "

1. Verne M. Bovice, New York, N. Y.-#15055
   (2) By A. B. Wilson, Acting Superintendent.
   (3) George R. Comings " "

1. John W. Phillips, Seattle, Wash.-#15057
   (2) By T. G. Hathaway, Acting Assayer in Charge.

1. Herbert Goodall, Helena, Mont.-#15060
   (2) By W. L. Hill, Acting Assayer in Charge.

1. James E. Russell, Deadwood, S. Dak.-#15061
   (2) By James H. Crawford, Acting Assayer in Charge.

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1. Leonard Magruder, New Orleans, La.-#15065
   (2) By Thomas J. Johnson, Acting Assayer in Charge.

1. Curtis F. Pike, Boise, Idaho-#15071
   (2) By E. C. Grice, Acting Assayer in Charge.

1. W. A. Burns, Carson City, Nev.-#15073
   (2) By Annie H. Martin, Acting Assayer in Charge.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1920.

Mr. Martin Goode,
182 Park View Avenue,
Bangor, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 24th, I beg to advise you that a bill proposing the issue of a fifty cent coin in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Maine into the Union is now before Congress. The bill has not yet been enacted into a law.

Similar bills are pending in connection with the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims and of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Alabama into the Union.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1920.

Mr. J. Eisenstadt,
5311 Woodland Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 26th, I beg to advised you that gold and silver are purchased by the mints and assaysoffices in quantities approximating one hundred dollars in value and over. The price of silver varies each day. The New York market price yesterday was about $1.12. Gold is purchased at the rate of $20.67 a fine ounce. The offices of the Mint Service do not purchase platinum, and no allowance is made for platinum contained in gold and silver deposits.

Payment for deposits is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted. These charges are nominal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1920.

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M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1920.

Mr. C. H. Lee,
504 Grur Block,
New Castle, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 27th, I beg to advise you that in 1883 over five million nickel pieces of the type described by you were issued, and these coins have never been recalled.

The Government does not pay premiums on any coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1920.

Mr. Otto Bristow,
Cashier,
Planters Bank,
Abbeville, S. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 27th, I beg to advise you that the burned coins you have should be forwarded to The Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. They will be examined and if they can be identified as genuine they will be redeemed at face value, but if they are so mutilated that they can not readily be identified, they will have bullion value only.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1920.

Mr. Louis Menill,
C/o The Lyric Theatre,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 26th instant, relative to the present value of the United States silver dollar, I beg to advise you that the value of silver in a silver dollar, at today's market price, is $0.661718.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1920.

Mr. E. G. Woods,
Box 223,
Escondido, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 17th, I beg to state that if you will forward the specimen you have to the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, the Assayer in Charge of that institution will have assays made.

An Assay for gold and silver will be made at the rate of one dollar, and for lead, tin, copper, zinc, antimony, etc., at one dollar for each determination.

Respectfully,

M McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1920.

Miss Lillie A. Roudabush,
809 Linden Street,
Scranton, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of April 28th, I beg to advise you that the law authorizing the coinage of a half-dollar in commemoration of the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620 has not yet been passed.

In regard to the designs to be used, I would suggest that you address the Secretary of State, State of Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

Ro McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1920.

Farmers State Bank of Westby,

Westby, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 26th, I beg to advise you that previous to January 1, 1920, the silver coins of Canada were .925 fine, the British standard. The silver dollar contained 333 grains of fine silver. By the order-in-council passed recently, the silver content of Canadian silver coins was reduced. The order stated that "on and after January 1, 1920, the standard for silver coins of the currency of Canada shall be that in one thousand parts by weight, eight hundred shall be of fine silver and two hundred of alloy".

Our silver dollar is .900 fine and contains 371.25 grains of fine silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1920.

Mr. H. L. Howe,
C/o William Smith & Son,
6 Franklin Street,
Lawrence, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 28th, I beg to state that the arrows in the left claw of the eagle and the olive branch in the right claw of the eagle indicate the preference for peace over war; the arrows are intended to typify War and the olive branch Peace.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1920.

Mr. W. E. Mandrell,
Erick,
Oklahoma.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of April 26th, I beg to advise you that the Government does not issue a list of coin collectors. I regret that we are unable to assist you in this matter.

Respectfully,

M. McReally

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1920.

Miss Abbie L. Dudley,
Bryant's Pond,
Maine.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of April 29th, I beg to advise you that two types of quarter dollars were issued in 1917. The coin with the three stars under the eagle is the later design, and the one now used exclusively.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1920.

Mr. Melvin Rouff,
Assistant Cashier,
The Houston National Exchange Bank,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 26th, I beg to advise you that the law authorizing the coinage of a two cent piece has not yet been passed.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1920.

The National City Bank,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to letter of your Mr. Austin, dated April 22, 1920, concerning the world's consumption of silver in coinage and the arts, beg to state that there is not sufficient information available to warrant the making of an estimate for publication as emanating from the Mint Bureau.

Very little information comes to hand concerning the consumption of silver in the arts in countries outside of the United States, and queries on this matter frequently are unaswered or carry the notation that no information is available. The consumption of silver in coinage during the calendar year 1919 apparently has continued to be above the prewar average but available information is still meager at this time. Reference to coinage tables on pages 275 to 277 in the 1919 Annual Report of the Director of the Mint and to similar tables in previous reports will give a fair idea as to the annual consumption of silver in coinage.

I am sorry that more definite information is not available with which to make answer to your inquiry.

Respectfully,

M. McReally

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1920.

Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,
Dodwell Building,
161 Water Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry of the 28th instant, I beg to state that statistics covering the world's production of gold and silver for the calendar year 1919 are not yet available. They will be issued by this office about December 1st, 1920.

Enclosed, herewith, find copy of the preliminary estimate for 1919 of the production of gold and silver in the United States.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

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May 3, 1920.

Mr. Samuel B. Frantz,
Bureau of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The annual settlement of the United States Assay Office at New York is to begin on Monday, May 17, 1920. You have been designated to act as chairman of the Committee.

You will obtain from the Superintendent, on Form 976, a statement certified to by the bookkeeper, of the gold and silver bullion, coin and other moneys on hand on a day agreed upon for the close of the settlement, which shall be as of May 31, 1920. A statement of balances at the beginning of the settlement will not be required.

As early as practical in the settlement you should make arrangements with the Superintendent regarding date for closing deposit receipts for the settlement period and discontinuing payments for deposits, in order to permit definite determination, as of close of settlement, between bullion forming part of the balance as shown by bookkeeper's records, and that on memorandum for subsequent entry by the bookkeeper.

All of the bullion and coin on hand will be weighed or counted by you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand, but it will not be necessary to open the vaults containing coin or bullion now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representatives of this Bureau, but you will accept the certificates, attached to the vaults, of the amounts contained therein as correct. You will place under joint seal any coin or bullion desired by the Superintendent and state the fact in your report.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement you will carefully note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you will take samples for check assays, but it should be noted that chip or drill samples of brittle bullion or bullion over 50 in base metals are liable to give assays differing from the reported fineness.

You are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balances in the checking accounts of the Superintendent. In order to get the information needed, request should be made in time for preparation of depositary statements and for mail to reach you, from Washington, by the time the information is required for use, and

your message should askfor the mailing of statements of checks paid and balances for all disbursing accounts of the Superintendent to the latest practical date in order to surely reach you by the date required.

You are directed to make careful inquiry into the possible sources of gain and loss of bullion in the different divisions of the institution, from the amount charged thereto per the bookkeeper's and other records; stating, so far asprecticable, the results of mass melting; the quantity of silver not paid for in gold deposits containing less than 9 thousandths of silver, and the results from all other sources of gain and loss that may come to your notice. Please reconcile these figures, giving estimates where necessary, with the net gains and losses for the year.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain from the officers, statements signed by them of the material in their possession, which you will use in checking off the material as delivered.

Before closing the settlement, you will obtain from each officer a certificate of delivery of material on Form 966. You will also obtain from each officer in possession of coin, or gold or silver bullion, not charged to him in the accounts, statement as to source, quantity on hand (which will be verified), and purpose of holding same.

Forms 900 and 901 will not be required by the settlement officers, but should be forwarded by the Superintendent to the Bureau as soon after the close of the settlement as possible.

The report of the Committee should show:-
The quantities of the diferent kinds of metal delivered to the Committee from the melting and refining department, the amounts with which charged per bookkeeper's certificate on Form 976, and the difference, whether gain or loss; the amounts delivered from other divisions of the institution and whether or not they agree with the bookkeeper's certificate; whether the deposits received after closing date of the period and not recorded by the bookkeeper check with the receipt records; the amounts placed under joint seal; results of the inquiry into the sources of gain and loss with reasons, so far as obtainable, for any apparently excessive loss; and other matters of consequence coming to the attention of the committee.

You will accept and forward with your report a certified inventory of the stores and other property under the control of the Superintendent; this inventory will not be complete checked but a general survey of the materials will be made.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1920.

Mr. Charles W. Baughman,
Salem, ~~Maine~~. Missouri.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 28th, I beg to advise you that the present ratio between gold and silver is 15.988 to 1, commonly called 16 to 1. The gold dollar contains 23.22 grains of pure gold and the silver dollar contains 371.25 grains of pure silver. If you will divide 371.25 by 23.22 you will obtain the result, 15.988+.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1920.

Mr. L. J. McCanlas,
Bentley,
Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am returning, herewith, the specimen enclosed in your letter of April 29th. The mineral is pyrite, a form of iron ore, and has no particular value.

Respectfully,

M. McBeilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1920.

Mr. A. W. Osborn,
Spiceland,
Indiana.

Sir:

Your package, containing foreign silver coins, has been delivered to this Bureau. There is no Mint in Washington and the coins are being held pending instructions from you as to whether you desire to have the same melted and the proceeds of the silver returned to you. It is probable that a coin collector would pay a higher price for these coins than the Government could pay, as they can be received by the Mints only as bullion.

The Government does not issue a list of coin collectors and we are unable to advise you as to where you might dispose of the coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1920.

Mr. S. D. Boss,
3312 Eighth St., N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 3rd, I beg to state that the department does not regard the use of the metal disks as an infraction of the law.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1920.

Mr. S. Adelson,
12 Harlem Street,
Dorchester, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 3rd, you are advised that this department does not issue information covering any particular mine, and we are unable to make any suggestions relative to investment in same.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1920.

Colonel W. B. Lemly,
Acting Quartermaster,
United States Marine Corps,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 30th, relative to medals now being prepared at the Mint in Philadelphia. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution for his information.

Respectfully,

John M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1920.

Mr. C. T. Walker,
736 West 51st St.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 27th, I beg to advise you that the gold coin you have will be redeemed by the Treasurer of the United States at face value, if it has full weight.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1920.

The International Nickel Co.,
43-49 Exchange Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Kindly render your account on the enclosed voucher form, and forward to the United States Mint at Denver, for payment.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reiel,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1920.

Mr. Winthrop B. Greene,
Librarian,
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 3rd, relative to the gold standard, I beg to refer you to the Act of March, 14, 1900, "An Act to define and fix the standard of value, to maintain the parity of all forms of money issued or coined by the United States, to refund the public debt, and for other purposes".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1920.

Honorable William S. Vare,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, relative to the rates of wages paid to the employees of the Philadelphia Mint in comparison with the amounts paid mechanics, firemen and engineers at the Denver and San Francisco Mints.

Replying I beg to state that the appropriations granted to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the fiscal year 1920 were estimated in 1918 upon the basis of operating the Mint on an eight hour basis, with a normal amount of overtime. The demand upon this Mint for coinage has been so heavy that it has been necessary to operate the institution for long periods during the year on a twenty-four hour basis. This has necessitated a large increase in the number of men employed and a consequent drain upon the fixed sum available for wages. While the San Francisco Mint and the Denver Mint have been required to operate upon overtime to some extent, no such strain has been placed upon the appropriations at the disposal of the respective Superintendents, and they have been able to make a more liberal division of the wage appropriation.

Early in the present fiscal year, the Director begun the installation of modern equipment throughout the Philadelphia Mint. This installation is now almost completed.

On a recent visit to the Mint, the Director told the employees that it was his intention, upon the completion of the installation of these labor-saving devises, to reorganize the force of the Philadelphia Mint, to eliminate the employment of temporary labor, and thus enable the Superintendent to pay higher wages to the men retained. This plan has received the full support and cooperation of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and the readjustment is now being worked out.

There is every hope on the part of the Director and of the Superintendent that the plan may become effective at the opening of the coming fiscal year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1920.

Mr. R. R. Falkenhainer,
316a Arco Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 2d, you are advised that the one-cent piece described by you, bearing the portrait of Lincoln on one side and being blank on the other, was probably changed after it left the Mint. The Government pays no premium on coins, and has not called in any issue of coins. Many thousand of the Lincoln one-cent piece, bearing the initials "V.D.B." are in circulation.

Respectfully,

M. McRaille,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1920.

Mr. William P. Norton,
Treasurer,
Fidelity Trust Company,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 3rd, relative to the Maine Centennial coins, I beg to state that the Bill has not yet been signed. As soon as the Act authorizing the coinage has been passed, the source of supply of the coins will be announced. It is doubtful if the Treasury Department will distribute any of the coins.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1920.

Mr. W. G. Jones,
Sideway,
Kentucky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 3rd, you are advised that the Treasury Department does not make tests for diamonds, and I would suggest that you forward the material you have to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1920.

Mr. S. R. Krom,
Cashier,
The Northwestern Natl. Bank,
Livingston, Montana.

Sir:

The package said to contain a gold nugget has been received at this Bureau and is being returned unopened. There is no place in Washington where tests are made of the precious metals for the public, and I would suggest that you forward the nugget to the United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana, where the gold will be assayed at a charge of one dollar.

There is no United States Assay Office in Washington.

Respectfully,

M. W. Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1920.

Knauth-Nachod & Kuhne,
Equitable Building,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In response to your request, transmitted to this Bureau by the Director of the United States Geological Survey, there was forwarded to you today, under separate cover, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1919, which gives the latest compilation of statistics, issued by the Government, covering the use of the precious metals in the arts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1920.

Dear Congressman Raker:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 4, addressed to Hon. R. T. Baker, and received in his temporary absence.

In reply to questions one and three, covering the stock of money in the United States, and the amount of gold in circulation, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Circulation Statement for May 1st.

For reply to your inquiry as to the cost of the War may I refer you to the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the Fiscal Year 1919, on page 25 of which you will find an article on "The Cost of the War". This statement brings the etimate up to October 31, 1919.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. John E. Raker,
House of Representatives.

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May 6, 1920.

Mr. E. Clark Fowler,
Philadelphia News Bureau,
Independence Square, East,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5th I beg to say that no figures were submitted in connection with the request of this Bureau for additional appropriations for the Mint at Philadelphia. The demand for all denominations of coin continues to be heavy, and necessitates the operating of the Mint in excess of the usual 8-hour day for which appropriations were made.

Under the Pittman Act the Director of the Mint would be authorized to purchase silver at $1.00 per ounce should silver at that price become available.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1920.

Mr. John J. Macfarlane, Librarian,
The Commercial Museum,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th of April, addressed to the Office of the Secretary, and referred to this Bureau for attention, I beg to enclose herewith a memorandum showing what is supposed to be the currency of the newly created European countries.

This memorandum is being sent with the understanding that the data are the best we can obtain from consular reports and foreign periodicals, and are supplied as such. They must in no way be regarded as an official report upon the currencies of the countries named.

Respectfully,

N. M. Rueb

Acting Director of the Mint.

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PRESENT CURRENCY OF COUNTRIES INDICATED.

LITHUANIA.

The German mark, greatly depreciated, temporarily in use. A ational currency in auksinas (1 auksina = 1 shilling) soon to be issued.

LATVIA.

The Russian ruble, greatly depreciated, still in use. A national rrency in latts (1 latt = 100 groschen; 6,828 latts to 1 kilo pure ld) soon to be issued.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

The currency of the country is the Czechoslovak crown the par lue of which is $0.193.

JUGOSLAVIA.

The currency of the country is the dinar the par value of which $0.193. The authorized exchange rate of the Austrian crown is crowns to 1 dinar.

HUNGARY.

The present currency of the country is still the Austrian crown ose par value is $0.2026.

POLAND.

The present currency of the country is the Polish mark whose par lue is apparently $0.2382.

UKRAINE.

We have no information regarding the currency of this country, t are of the opinion that the Russian ruble, greatly depreciated, still in use.

ALBANIA.

We have no information whatever concerning the currency of Albania.

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May 7, 1920.

Mr. R. J. Hill,
P. O. Box 325,
Green Harbor, Mass.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 1st, enclosing a defective ten cent coin. I am returning a perfect coin to take the place of the same, and wish to express the appreciation of this office for your courtesy in returning the coin to the Department. The coin should not have left the Mint in that condition.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Night Message. Washington, February 7, 1920.

. Baker,
ector of the Mint,
C/. U.S.Mint, Denver, Colorado.

antial balances now in subtreasuries. Suggest you order Denver
vertime and resulting temporary employment from after fourteenth.
and will instruct me will transmit same order San Francisco
giving them coming week to adjust operations and forces. Wage
ints. Urge Denver coin silver preference minors.

O'Reilly

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EPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212a

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May 7, 1920.

Mr. T. W. Gruetter,
Mining Engineer,
421 Flood Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 28th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and by him referred to this office. Replying I beg to submit the following relative to the operations of the United States Mint Service on platinum.

It appears that you have based your assumption that the platinum metals in our anode muds are in the crude or native state, but as this is not the case it will be seen that your process would be inapplicable to the work of the United States Mint Service.

The platinum metals in our process are dissolved in the gold cells and are in solution; before any use whatever might be made of your system it would be necessary to precipitate these metals and this could not be done at one operation.

During the war when we were working on placer platinum from Russia and South America, etc., this method might have been useful, but as the office does not now receive platinum in the placer form and is not likely to, except in another such emergency, I beg to say that this department could not use the system.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1920.

Dr. A. C. Stratton,
Presho,
South Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 4th, you are advised that the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, will received the dental scrap described by you and pay for the gold and silver content; the gold at the rate of $20.67 an ounce, and the silver at the market price, which is today about $1.05. The institutions of the Mint Service do not purchase platinum and can not make any allowance for platinum contained in deposits of dental scrap.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1920.

Miss Hannah A. Wallace,
Tekamah,
Burt County, Nebraska.

Madam:

In reply to yo r letter of May 4th, I take pleasure in advising you that there was mailed to you today, under separate cover, a copy of the pamphlet entitled "The Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", the last edition issued by this Department.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1920.

Mr. S. R. Varma,
P. O. Box 177,
Cosmopolis, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 28th, you are advised that the United States Mint Service disposes of gold bars at the rate of $20.67 an ounce. The price does not vary.

In regard to the export of the coin, I would suggest that you address an inquiry to the Customs Service, Treasury Department.

I regret that this office has no table of Indian equivalent weights to American weights.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1920.

Honorable Edward J. King,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman King:

I am returning, herewith, the letter addressed to you by Mr. R. C. Mathis, who requests information relative to the melting of silver coin into bullion.

Replying to the inquiry of Mr. Mathis, I beg to state that there is no penalty attached to the total destruction of silver coins.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 8, 1920.

The National City Bank,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter, O.P.A., of the 5th instant, concerning monetary stocks of the principal countries of the world and particularly the silver stock, will state that it has been particularly difficult to obtain monetary statistics since the war began, and that the stocks in several of the countries have not been reported to this Bureau in answer to its inquiries nor have they been otherwise obtained. A reference note at the foot of the tables published in the 1919 Report of the Director of the Mint reads - "Blanks indicate no figures available rather than no stock".

There seems to be no doubt that the silver monetary stock of the world has materially increased in the last few years, but determination of the amount of the increase and distribution among the various countries will doubtless have to await more settled conditions.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

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May 6, 1920.

The Mines Handbook,
29 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise me if The Mines Handbook, 1919-1920 volume, has yet been issued and if so please forward a copy. It is noted from your letter of December 15th, 1919, that you anticipated that the book would be ready for distribution in about six weeks time, but a copy has not yet reached this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

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May 8, 1920.

American Smelting and Refining Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Data concerning the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1919, requested under date of January 26, 1920, has not yet been received by this office and I am writing to ask if it may be expected in the near future.

If letter of January 26th, with accompanying forms, has been misplaced, I shall be glad to forward additional forms upon request.

Thanking you for past cooperation, I am,

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

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May 8, 1920.

The Auditor
for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of November 15, 1919, copy attached, I am returning herewith for action, claim of the Pennsylvania Railroad, No. 526/365, in amount $0.86. The voucher is now supported with such sub-vouchers as have been obtainable.

Respectfully,

M. McLaughlin

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.

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May 8, 1920.

Mr. W. J. Dalton,
Wilderness,
Missouri.

Sir:

I am returning, herewith, the package forwarded by you, said to contain a gold nugget, and regret to advise you that the same is copper alloy and has no gold in it.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1920.

National Surety Company,
115 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of April 29th, I beg to state that Mr. Leonard LaGrua, helper in the United States Assay Office at New York, has been transferred to another department than that in which he was employed when bond was required of him four years ago, and for that reason he will not be required to renew the same.

Respectfully,

M M O'Neal

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 8, 1920.

Mr. E. C. Bowie,
Assistant Sales Manager,
Red Star Yeast & Products Co.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 5th, I beg to advise you that the bill proposing the coinage of the Roosevelt two cent piece has passed both the Senate and the House of Representatives. It will be some weeks before the details of the size and type of the coin will be determined upon and therefore the distribution of the coins will be delayed for several weeks at the best.

Respectfully,

M. McPeelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 8, 1920.

Mr. Louis C. George,
Assistant to Cashier,
Fifth-Third National Bank,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6th, relative to the new coin bills which have passed the Senate and House, I beg to state that it will be several weeks before any of this coinage will be ready for distribution. It is not expected that the commemorative coins of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the States of Maine and Alabama into the Union, and the three hundredth anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, will be distributed through this Department.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 8, 1920.

Mr. S. R. Krom,
Cashier,
The Northwestern Natl. Bank,
Livingston, Montana.

Sir:

I am returning, herewith, the half dollar enclosed in your letter of May 4th, and beg to advise you that the same appears to be genuine.

Respectfully,

W. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 8, 1920.

Pacific American Trading Company,
256 Church Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 3rd, I beg to submit the following as to the cost of manufacturing Automatic Weighing Machines for the proposed Chinese Mint.

The Automatic Weighing Machines could be built at the Mint in Philadelphia at a cost of $6,000 each, and about four months would be required to manufacture one of these machines.

The following firms are the manufacturers of machinery suitable for mint purposes.

Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Co.,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Farrel Foundry & Machine Co.,
Ansonia, Connecticut.

Ferracute Machine Co.,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

E. W. Bliss Machine Co.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Scale Manufacturers.

Voland & Son, New Rochelle, New York.
Henry Troemner, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1920.

Rev. M. L. Sanders,
Pastor,
Manito Methodist Church,
3214 Grand Boulevard,
Spokane, Wash.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 5th, I beg to state that the only coin catalogue published by the Government is the "Catalogue of Coins, Medals and Tokens in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia". This volume is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at one dollar a copy. I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1920.

Mr. Morris Cohen,
The Outlet,
Greensburg, Pa.

Sir:

Your package, containing gold scrap, addressed to the U. S. Mint, has been received at this office and forwarded to the United States Assay Office, New York City, as there is no place in Washington where such deposits are received by the Government.

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office will remit to you the value of the gold and silver content of your deposit, after deducting charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1920.

The Brooks-Ostruk Company,
225 West 66th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am directed by Honorable Raymond T. Baker, Director of the Mint, who is at present at the United States Mint in San Francisco, to request you to forward to him at the San Francisco Mint, as soon as possible, designs for a touring body for Rolls Royce chassis, five passenger, luggage on rear, giving price and time required for delivery.

Will you please acknowledge receipt of this letter and forward the information requested to Mr. Baker at San Francisco, as early as possible.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Private Secretary.

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May 10, 1920.

The Holbrook Company,
Auto Body Builders,
160 West End Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am directed by Honorable Raymond T. Baker, Director of the Mint, who is at present at the United States Mint in San Francisco, to request you to forward to him at the San Francisco Mint, as soon as possible, designs for a touring body for Rolls Royce chassis, five passenger, luggage on rear, giving price and time required for delivery.

Will you please acknowledge receipt of this letter and forward the information requested to Mr. Baker at San Francisco, as early as possible.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Private Secretary.

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May 10, 1920.

Frederick R. Wood & Son,
205 West 19th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am directed by Honorable Raymond T. Baker, Director of the Mint, who is at present at the United States Mint in San Francisco, to request you to forward to him at the San Francisco Mint, as soon as possible, designs for a touring body for Rolls Royce chassis, five passenger, luggage on rear, giving price and time required for delivery.

Will you please acknowledge receipt of this letter and forward the information requested to Mr. Baker at San Francisco, as early as possible.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Private Secretary.

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May 10, 1920.

Mr. John F. Harman,
Chairman of the Board,
Handy & Harman,
59 Cedar Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Harman:

In the absence of Mr. Baker, may I thank you for your very interesting letter of May 7th, relative to the silver situation. I am sending a copy of your letter to Mr. Baker at the Mint in San Francisco.

Should silver be offered at one dollar an ounce, .1000 fine, and be shown to be silver of the production of mines of the United States as required by the Pittman Act, the Director will purchase silver in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reely

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1920.

The Librarian,
American International Corporation,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 8th, I am enclosing a copy of a preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1919. The final figures will not be ready until late in the Fall.

No estimate has yet been made of the world's production of silver for 1919. These figures will also be ready about November.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1920.

Mr. Warren M. Ingram,
Winter Park,
Florida.

Sir:

Your name is on a list of eligibles for certification to the position of assistant in the laboratory of this Bureau, but, in order to save time, before asking the Civil Service Commission to make the certificate I would like to be informed if you are prepared to accept the position.

The work of the position is mainly the fire assaying of gold bullion and coins and the humid assay of silver coins by the Gay-Lussac method, but there is some miscellaneous work and at times considerable research work. The regular salary is $1200 a year, but for over a year, to June 30, 1921, there will be a bonus of $20 per month.

The educational facilities of Washington are excellent and various former assistants have simultaneously carried on regular college work at George Washington University and some have graduated.

I would therefore thank you to inform me at your earliest convenience if you are prepared to accept this position after the Civil Service Commission has duly certified you. Please do not interpret this letter as a request to come to Washington; it is simply for getting information.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

FFD.

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May 11, 1920.

Dr. L. G. Eggleston,
138 Ford Street,
Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Sir:

I am returning, herewith, the check enclosed in your letter of May 7th, and beg to advise you that the Mints do not sell gold in quantities less than $5,000.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1920.

Mr. Arthur W. Osborn,
Spiceland,
Indiana.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, relative to the coins previously forwarded by you, has been received and forwarded to the United States at Philadelphia, together with the coins. The Superintendent of that institution has been requested to advise you if, in the judgment of the Curator of the Mint, the coins have greater value as such than as bullion.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1920.

Mr. Frank Plachy, Jr.,
Editor of The Americas,
The National City Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 8th, I beg to state that should the price of silver drop to one dollar an ounce, the Director of the Mint would be required, under the Pittman Act, to purchase an amount equivalent to that contained in the silver dollars disposed of under the authority of that Act. The silver will be paid for from what is known as the Bullion Fund, a revolving fund.

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of the Act, which may be of service to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1920.

Mr. Charles E. Covert,
Consumers Ice & Fuel Co.,
542 North 12th Street,
New Castle, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 6th, I beg to state that silver dollars have face value. They are not purchased as bullion but are paid for by the Treasurer of the United States at face value, if they are not mutilated.

The Government pays no premiums on any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

M. McRaelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1920.

Mr. Walter D. Cole,
President,
Marchant Calculating Machine Co.,
Fourth & Powell Streets,
Oakland, California.

Sir:

Your letter of May 3rd, addressed to Mr. Baker, has reached here in his absence.

Mr. Baker is at present at the United States Mint in San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1920.

Mr. Edward W. Ford,
Elk Point,
South Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 10th, I beg to advise you that there has been no new edition of the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" since that of 1912.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1920.

Mr. J. W. Tanner,
Winkelman,
Arizona.

Sir:

Your letter of April 7th has just been forwarded here by the Department of Agriculture but the sample has not been received. This Bureau does not examine for radium, but assays for gold and silver are made at the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., for one dollar in advance.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

MPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 437

May 12, 1920.

Mr. John F. Harman,
Chairman of the Board,
Hardy & Harman,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Harman:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant relative to the purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act I beg to say that if silver at $1.00 an ounce, 1000 fine, the product of mines of the United States and of reduction works so located, becomes available, the Director of the Mint will purchase silver to replace that sold under the Act cited. The silver so purchased will have to be covered by certificate that the same has been both produced and reduced in the United States. These conditions are held to be conjunctive. No other silver purchases can apply to the amount to be purchased to replace silver dollars melted or sold.

The mints and the United States Assay Office at New York will continue to buy silver contained in gold deposits from any source, as at present, at the market price of silver.

Respectfully,

M. McRailey

Acting Director of the Mint.